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BEIT AMARIN; West Bank: Smoke rises as Israeli forces demolish the home of Palestinian prisoner Dawas Hassouna, who is accused of killing an Israeli settler, in the West Bank village on Thursday.—Wire photo

Poland says fire at Starlink station is sabotage as Denmark warns of rising Russian threat

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A fire at a Starlink satellite station in central Poland was a deliberate "act of sabotage", a government minister has said. Polish Deputy Prime Minister Krzysztof Gawłowski said the fire in the Masovian Voivodeship province was "deliberately designed to disable the station... disrupting internet access for various institutions, including the Ukrainian army". He told Polish public broadcaster TVP Info an investigation was ongoing but "many indications suggest" the attack fits into a "new Russian doctrine of attack". The Kremlin has not commented. Meanwhile, Denmark's intelligence service issued a new threat assessment saying it expects Russia to escalate hybrid warfare in the coming months. It said an attack remained "highly unlikely" but warned of "a low but growing risk" that Russia could launch a limited military attack against Nato countries. In recent

weeks a number of European Nato members have said Russia may be preparing attacks to test their commitment to supporting Ukraine, which Moscow denies.

Earlier this month, Germany blamed Russia for an attempted drone attack on Leipzig/Halle Airport, while France has ordered a plan to protect critical infrastructure and defence industry sites. Hybrid warfare or hybrid attacks are loose terms which tend to describe non-military methods designed to exert pressure and destabilise an adversary - for example cyberattacks, sabotage or misinformation. Proxies are often used to carry out the attacks and Russia always denies involvement, despite growing evidence to the contrary. The fire at the state-owned Polish satellite station broke out on Wednesday night in Wola Krobowska. It remains operational. The deputy prime minister said it transmits internet traffic through Poland to countries including Ukraine, and uses

SpaceX systems that provide connectivity via Starlink terminals. Asked about the incident at a news conference with Bulgaria's leader on Thursday, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said he disliked "labelling something as sabotage versus an accident without 100% certainty, but it looks bad". Also on Thursday, Moldova's president said four Russian drones crossed into its airspace, with at least one exploding, while Romania's defence ministry said one drone crashed in its territory. On Wednesday Poland also said a Russian military helicopter briefly violated its airspace, forcing it to scramble fighter jets. Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly said Moscow does not plan to attack Nato states.

Earlier this month, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said it was Europe speaking about preparing for war, adding: "If Europe attacks Russia, it will be a completely different war [from that in Ukraine], and it will be very short."

Venezuela's interim president promises election after Maduro ousted

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CARACAS

former leader



Venezuela's interim president, Delcy Rodríguez, has announced that elections will be held as part of a transition to "full democracy", but did not specify a date. Rodríguez was sworn in just days after her predecessor in office, Nicolás Maduro, was seized by US forces and taken to New York to face drug-trafficking charges.

She has enjoyed the backing of the Trump administration despite her previously close ties to Maduro. The opposition in Venezuela has slammed her for not setting even a tentative date for elections. Critics of her government have long denounced the 2024 election, after which Maduro was declared president and she vice-president, as fraudulent and say they have vote tallies to back up their claim. Speaking at the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Rodríguez insisted that "there will be elections in Venezuela" and that the Venezuelan people would determine "the right moment" when to hold them.

The interim president, who was a close ally of Maduro and served as his vice-president until his ouster by the US, did not mention the jailed

once. Less than nine months after the US raid on the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, in which the presidential couple was seized and about 100 people killed, she instead thanked US President Donald Trump "for his willingness to take the path of diplomatic relations and cooperation". She also said that her government and the Trump administration were "working seriously to resolve existing differences through dialogue", adding that the two nations were paving "the way for energy relations, the promotion of security, the common fight against transnational crime and economic cooperation for the benefit of both peoples and our continent". Unlike Rodríguez, President Trump did make ample references to Maduro during his speech to the assembly, calling him an "out-law dictator, a real criminal". Trump also celebrated the signing of what he said was "the largest oil deal in history covering 65bn barrels of oil" which the US has struck with Rodríguez's interim government.



No.F-1-8/Tender/2025-26-FMC
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations
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TENDER NOTICE

Federal Medical College (FMC) invites E-Bids from reputed firms / suppliers / distributor of similar works / assignments and registered with FBR for "Establishment of Online Examination System" for Federal Medical College (FMC) Financial Year 2026-27 through EPADS 2.0.

1. The procurement shall be completed in according with the Public Procurement Rules.
2. All the firms / bidders should submit proposals as per Rule 36 (b) of PPRA Rules, 2004 (Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure). Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders and committee members.
3. The Tender Documents containing detailed information, Terms and Conditions etc. must be obtained from the undersigned on written request along with PKR 5,000 cash.
4. 2% of the Bid will be deposited as Bid Security in shape of Pay Order in favor of Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO), Federal Medical College (FMC), Islamabad of the Quoted Price. The prospective bidder shall upload the scanned copy of the Bid Security on EPADS 2.0 and shall provide the original Pay Order at the time of Opening of Bid.
5. Tender Documents will only be accepted / received through EPADS 2.0, on or latest by 14-10-2026 at 11:00 AM. Manual bids shall not be accepted. Tender will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room of Federal Medical College, in the presence of available bidders or their representatives.
6. Federal Medical College reserves the right to accept /cancel / reject any or all proposals, as per Rule 33 of PPRA Rules, 2004.

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PAKISTAN AIR FORCE BASES AND HQs CENTRAL AIR COMMAND LAHORE

PRE-QUALIFICATION & REGISTRATION OF LOCAL SUPPLIERS/CONTACTORS FOR SUPPLY OF RATION ITEMS

Applications are invited for pre-qualification / registration of reputable, well-experienced, financially-sound and income tax - registered firms / contractors with Directorate of POL & Ration, Air Headquarters Islamabad for supply of ration items (Dry and Fresh items including Semolina, Vermicelli, Grinding Services of wheat, Condiments, Lentil Seeds, Bengal Gram Flour, Rice, Cooking Oil, Milk Powder, Sugar, Tea Leaves, Green Tea, Meat, Vegetables, Fruits, Squash, Salt, Ice, Fire Wood and Bread etc) to Central Air Command (CAC) and PAF Bases of CAC.

Application form with necessary instructions are to be collected from the office of Senior Staff Officer (Support & Air Defence), Headquarters Central Air Command, PAF Lahore & O/c Catering Flight, PAF Bases from 25 September, 2026 during working hours from 0900 hrs to 1300 hrs.

Interested parties may apply from 25 September, 2026 during working hours from 0900 hrs to 1300 hrs by providing the following information:-

- (a) Owners / partners' name, address, telephone, mobile numbers and fax number of the company. The proprietor / owner / partner should be Pakistani National.
- (b) Six months to one year summary of their bank accounts.
- (c) Profile of the company, status of the firm, whether proprietorship / partnership / public or private limited company. Partnership deed in case contractors are other than proprietary / limited / general order supplier.
- (d) Proof of firm's registration in case of partnership / proprietary.
- (e) Memorandum and articles of association in case of Ltd Company.
- (f) Attested copy of CNIC of owner / partners of the company is to be attached with the application.
- (g) Details of registration with major organizations along with detail of agreements / contracts.
- (h) Bank certificate showing financial stability / status duly verified, name of bankers.
- (i) Sales Tax and Income Tax registration certificate, details of Income Tax Returns and copy of Assessment / Payment of Income Tax, NTN and Professional Tax Certificate.
- (k) Litigation details, if any.
- (l) Affidavit regarding correctness of documents and information therein.
- (m) Work experience with any Governmental institution specially Army/Navy
- (n) Attested copy of Contractor's Domicile certificate
- (p) Any additional information related to the subject.

Applications duly marked with "Pre-Qualification / Registration of Local Suppliers / Contractors for Ration Items" in sealed envelope are to be submitted to undersigned. Application received after due date will not be entertained

Note:-

- (a) Any information, if found Incomplete / fake at any stage, will result in immediate rejection of the application.
- (b) Senior Staff Officer (Support & Air Defence), Headquarters Central Air Command, PAF Lahore and O/c Catering Flight, PAF Bases may ask for any further information and details if required and reserves the right to accept or reject the applications on technical grounds.
- (c) For further information or query, please contact

Senior Staff Officer (Support & Air Defence) HQ CAC, PAF Lahore on
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781 migrants arrive in small boats in 2026 record

LONDON (NEWS WIRE): A total of 781 migrants arrived in 10 small boats on Wednesday, highest number for a single day so far this year. So far this year 18,565 people have made Channel crossing, which is 42% lower than same period in 2025 when 32,188 had crossed in small boats. The government said its "progress this year in tackling small boats is indisputable" but it needed to "push further and harder in order to eradicate this vile trade".



VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY OF PAKISTAN

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

TENDER NO. VU/26-27/09/899

Virtual University of Pakistan (VU) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the reputable advertising agencies who are accredited by APNS and PBA, to carry out VU's advertisements.

Sr. No.	Description	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Tender Opening Date	Tender Receiving / Opening Time
1.	Tender No.VU/26-27/09/899 Hiring of Advertising Agency(ies) (MKT)	1,000/-	September 30, 2026	Receiving: 02:00pm Opening: 02:30pm

EOI documents for the above-mentioned tender(s) are available on the Virtual University of Pakistan website (<https://www.vu.edu.pk/Opportunities/Tenders>).

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal, or to annul the process at any stage, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

This Notice is also available on the PPRA website (www.ppra.gov.pk) and the Virtual University of Pakistan website.

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