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**PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE (N) PUNJAB**



The creation of the PMLN Research Wing Punjab is an admirable endeavour; it aims to uplift future leadership, while ensuring that ongoing programmes are well-researched and without flaw. This development is unprecedented in Pakistan's political parties, and I only wish the team the best for the future. With its zealous members and tireless efforts, in only a year, the research team has already proven its capability and taken steps in leadership training and critical analysis of public service. While wishing you a happy independence day, I would also like you all to take the time to reflect on how we as a community can move towards an internally harmonious, politically stable, and economically prosperous Pakistan.

### Shehbaz Sharif

President PML(N)



### Ahsan Iqbal

Secretary General PML(N)

My heartiest congratulations to Research Wing PMLN upon achieving yet another milestone in the form of "Horizon". The Research Wing is a harbinger of true change in the democratic process of party system institutionalization in Pakistan. Horizon will not only become the voice of PML(N), but will also prove to be cognizant of the party's progressive vision. I think that it will further solidify PML(N)'s strongholds at the grassroots level as it will be the torchbearer of two things; the mandate of the people and the party's policy stance. I am positive that Horizon will be a true representative of the ideology of Quaid-e-Azam - the ideology of Pakistan



### Rana Sanaullah Khan

President PML(N) Punjab

In a world of rapid change and progress, it is important now more than ever for political parties to recognise the need for structured databases and analytical study. I am glad to say that the PML(N) Research Wing Punjab is working day and night to fulfil such demands and cater to the needs of the public. As the President of PML(N) Punjab, I wholeheartedly endorse this initiative, and me as well as the entirety of my team look forward to its future prospects.



### Awais Leghari

Secretary General PML(N) Punjab

PML(N) took an initiative under the guidance of Rana Mashhood to create a research based platform encompassing party members and professionals nation wide. I would like to congratulate PML(N) for this organized effort to facilitate party members in the provision of data. This will contribute towards directing and modernizing the party into playing an active and serious role in National and International politics based on research and statistical facts. This platform is a step forward for PML(N) to develop into a knowledge based body to tackle issues positively in the modern World.



### Hamza Shahbaz Sharif

Leader Of Opposition Punjab

I congratulate Research Wing on completing its one year. It has added value in making informed legislative opinions, policy viewpoints and raising facts for the benefit of our party and other stakeholders. It is important for participatory governance that the legislators and citizens have access to information on policies, projects and performance of the government. I wish good luck to the Horizon, an initiative of PML(N) Punjab Research Wing. I appreciate the whole team of Research Wing and expect that this becomes a permanent feature in serving the party and citizens.

## From Editor's Desk

### On Kashmir: Contemporary policy recommendations

*"Kashmiris have written a new history with their blood."*

- Shehbaz Sharif

The melancholy that the valiant people of Kashmir braved after Modi's extremist regime's revocation of Article 370 and 35(A), continues to be the worst nightmare for the Kashmiri people one year on. Bashir Ahmad's martyrdom in front of his three year old grandson presents humanity, especially international organizations, with an opportunity to pause, reflect, and take immediate action to curtail the cruelty of the fascist Modi regime. Pakistan must act now to build a proactive rather than reactive foreign policy stance over the Kashmir imbroglio.

In Pakistan, all the institutions and political parties are aligned together when it comes to highlighting the need for an amicable solution of the issue. Pakistan Muslim League (N) has always had a clear policy stance over the Kashmir issue. We believe that Kashmir's right of self-determination is unquestionable and that is why, PML (N) proposes that Pakistan's stance on the Kashmir issue should be bound under a constitutional amendment ratified by legislative bodies. It is time to move towards resolution.

Time and again, India uses the Simla Agreement (1972) as a basis for the argument that it has the right to not accept third-party mediation. Therefore, since table talks are a dream far from coming to fruition, Pakistan must highlight the inborn bias of the BJP that prompts an air of mistrust, fear, and subsequently, the subjugation of innocent Muslims.

Secondly, India camouflages its extremist narrative behind the veil of its potential as an economic competition to China and its cooperation with the U.S. Therefore, the need of the hour for Pakistan is to take immediate measures towards long-term stability; economic as well as socio-political. However, it cannot be achieved when a populist party makes vague promises before elections but lacks an actual plan of action while democratic institutions remain alienated. Contrarily, the realities on ground paint a grim picture when it comes to policy implementation. It is high time the PTI government makes sensible economic decisions. With a strong economic outlook, Pakistan is likely to gather long due international attention and support on the Kashmir issue.

Thirdly, it is time to acknowledge that Pakistan is an inevitably crucial party to the Afghan "Peace" Process - a fact acknowledged by the US itself. Pakistan needs to use this opportunity to negate India's hardline narrative towards Pakistan globally. It is time to tell the world that as a frontline state in the war on terror, Pakistan has been the most vulnerable victim of terrorism.

These measures will overshadow India's global propaganda against Pakistan. With a coherent diplomatic approach, Pakistan may find itself in a confident position highlighting the Kashmir issue and safeguarding peace in South Asia. Conclusively, the time to uphold the sanctity of the Kashmir cause and the will of the Kashmiri people is right now, for it is Pakistan alone that can make possible what has been in shambles since 1947.



# ECONOMY BITES

## Commodities & Financial Indicators Working Group:

Commodities and Financial Indicator group is operative under the umbrella of PML(N) Research Wing (Punjab) with an objective of reviewing the economic performance of the government and to provide comparative analysis on a periodic basis. This team consists of dedicated professionals having hands-on exposure of managing economy, finance, and accounts.

In the past few months, the working group was able to earn the honor of presenting a complete budget analysis of Punjab's budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 to the leader of opposition and members of the Assembly of PML(N) Punjab. Later on, a comprehensive white paper was issued by C&FI group over the current Punjab budget dated 30-Jun-2020 in a joint press conference of senior party leaders wherein not only public concerns and budget loopholes were highlighted but also, recommendations were provided.

In addition, C&FI group successfully issues various research papers on current economic affairs like:

Economic and measures for food security (During COVID-19)

Review on Prime Minister's Amnesty Schemes for the construction package

Review document on sugar and wheat scam.

C&FI group also provides assistance to PML(N) stakeholders on the economic front with help of infographics and summarized analysis.

## Economic Review:

In the first two years of the PTI government, economic growth plunged from 5.8% to negative 1.4%, despite unrealistic proclamations made before coming to power. Current PM provided strong assurance to people that the government has a program of reforms and a capable team ready to set the economic direction right. Two years down the lane, it's clear that they neither had a team, nor a program. Contrarily, throughout our five years, we were constantly criticized by PTI politicians and others with the following claims:

For not being able to increase exports due to overvalued rupee,

PML(N) artificially held the utility prices stable to gain public popularity and hence pushed up circular debt to "unsustainable" levels,

The PML(N)'s "corruption and incompetence" was blamed for inability to increase tax collection,

Huge deficits by PML(N) resulted in adding up to our nation's "unsustainable" debt.

After coming to power, PTI devalued the currency by more than 40%. However, export ended up with negative growth of 2.1% in its 1st year and negative 7.2% in the current year. In addition to this, PTI increased the utility prices significantly; gas by 140% and electricity by more than 70%, whereas, circular went up from Rs. 1032 Billion in May-2018 to 2026 Billion in Mar-2020. It was claimed that "The Naya Pakistan" is now corruption free, however, tax collection is stagnant at the same level since June-2018 which swelled double in 5 years of PML(N) tenure. In just two years the incumbent government borrowed more than 45% of total debt taken in the last 70 years of Pakistan history.



**Muhamad Ali Bahalli**



## ECONOMY BITES

The touchy issue of inflation remained unmanaged, and has been a continuous blot on the PTI's economic team's performance. Inflation rose to 14% in fiscal year 2020 from less than 4% left by PML(N). Average inflation of fiscal year 2020 was observed at 10.7%.

External Debts: PML(N) Took only \$4.2 Billion in its first two years (till Jun-2015). On the contrary, PTI Took \$14.7 Billion in its first 20 Months.

Debt servicing has increased by 44% from 1642 Billion to 2946 Billion in two years of PTI Government and is eating up more than 70% of tax collection.

GDP Growth: PML(N) increased \$84 Billion in GDP in five years and left at \$315 Billion, and in just two years it came down to \$264. Hence, net downfall of \$51 Billion. GDP growth was left at 5.8% by PML(N) and it came down to 1.9% in fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 it is forecasted at negative 1.4% (As per IMF).

Budget Deficit: Budget Deficit increased from 6.5% to 10% in two years.

Tax to GDP Ratio: Tax to GDP Ratio in 2013 was 9.8%, PML(N) increased the same to 13%. However, in the 1st year of the PTI government, it came down to 11.8% and in the third year, it is forecasted less than 11.4%.

Unemployment: PML(N) reduced the unemployment rate from 6.24% to 5.79 in a year. Which means that during 2013-18, more than 10 Million jobs were created. In PTI's first two years, the unemployment rate increased to 8.53%, meaning that 2 Million jobs were lost instead of fulfilling their claim of providing 10 Million jobs.

### Economic Overview of 2 Year of PTI Government

<i>Amounts in Billion</i>				
	Currency	FY-2018	FY-2019	FY-2020
GDP Size	USD	315	284	264
GDP Growth		5.80%	1.90%	-1.40%
Per Capita Income	USD	1,652	1,455	1,388
Central Govt. Debt	PKR	24,212	31,787	34,489
Total Debt & Liabilities	PKR	29,879	40,223	42,820
FDI	USD	2,780	1,362	2,561
FI	USD	4,990	-0.055	2,038
Debt Servicing	PKR	1,526	3,954	2,946
Tax Collection	PKR	3,842	3,829	*3890
Tax to GDP Ratio		13.0%	11.6%	11.4%
Circular Debt	USD	1,032	1,900	2100
Remittances	USD	19,914	21,739	23,121
LSM Growth		5.38	-2.28	-10.17
Inflation		3.9%	8.9%	10.7%
Unemployment		5.79%	6%	8.53%
Budget Deficit		6.5%	9.1%	9.2%
Rupee Depreciation	PKR	**122	162	168
Exports	USD	24,768	24,257	22,505
FX Reserves	USD	16,383.60	14,481.60	17,971.00

\*Rs. 100 Billion of supplementary grants to pay refunds was added to inflate tax collection

\*PMLN left USD rate at Rs. 112/USD, in May-2018 caretaker Govt depreciated rupee at Rs. 122/USD



# Welcome to the Research Wing Punjab



**Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan**  
Former Education Minister Punjab

It is clear now more than ever that Pakistani democratic parties cannot effectively participate in politics without a wing solely dedicated to research. Having such a body working effectively ensures that both present and future public policies would reflect the people's needs, inspiring vigorous response and action from their respective representatives; something I've personally envisioned for years. The PML(N) Research Wing Punjab was founded in an attempt to provide a factual base to policy making and revise the structure of politics. I am proud to have observed the way in which - within a year - this initiative has modified our way of thinking with regards to public strategy. The tireless efforts of our team have culminated in progress in not only the fields of healthcare and food security, but also education and youth affairs among others. This initiative is multifaceted and aims to encapsulate all matters that fall under the sphere of public responsibility. I commend the expertise of my team and it is with immense satisfaction that I look back on all they have accomplished in the past year, most notably their role in comparison and analysis of the Budget 2020-2021 and their provision of data/facts to legislators for all mediums of media. Future endeavours are already underway and with what has already been achieved, I am beyond optimistic to see what this wing promises to policy making and leadership in the coming years. I'd like to congratulate the entire team behind the PML(N) Research Wing Punjab for all the success and hope they continue working to effectively bring all their goals to fruition.

I explicitly remember it was a sultry late afternoon of May 2019. "It has to be a dedicated entity which performs research and communicates effectively, to generate impact on public policy" Rana Mashhood was very clear about his vision. Five hours, four of us concluded after third round of "Adrak Wali Chai" that there is a need of a purpose based platform to bring knowledge and policy making together through research, references, data collection and comparisons. I am sure Zeeshan Malik and Hamid Falki would remember the extensive deliberation we had that day. Today that brainstorming has been translated into The Research Wing of PML(N) Punjab- Another jewel in the party crown.

Question arises why do we need to do research? Simple answer is to study a subject, project, intervention, services or performance in detail, especially to discover new information to appreciate and address gaps for future development. And when we translate the phenomena into the context of a political party,

it entails its continuous development stretching from leadership to delivery. Some of the key objectives of The Research Wing (RW) includes, keeping our legislators, spokespersons and media representatives informed and updated about latest situation in major sectors like economy and finance, health care, education reforms, agriculture and irrigation, infrastructure development are few to mention. Facilitating our public representatives with required information for effective participation in assembly business. And most importantly evolving future leadership through capacity building. Research wing has constituted dedicated working groups to address areas of prime focus directly impacting public policy and life of a common man. Each working group comprises of public representatives and professionals/experts of specialized fields. Hence providing opportunity of capacity building to the legislators.



# WORKING GROUPS





# Postmortem



**Dr Najma Afzal**

## PML(N) vs PTI:

The PTI Government has shamefully decreased the health development budget by 28% in current budget as compared to the health development budget of PMLN's last year. The PML-N Government had allocated Rs. 42 Billion but the actual spending was of Rs. 45 Billion on health development. In PTI's current budget only 30 Billion is allocated for Health development.

There are numerous Health sector initiatives which were launched by the PML(N) government under the leadership of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif. These included the establishment of 25 hospitals in DHQ and 6 hospitals in THQ. PML(N) had established 110 Hepatitis Clinics in DHQ and THQ. Moreover, PML(N) government had achieved the milestone of constructing one of the biggest Children Hospital of Asia in Faisalabad.

While Children hospital Multan was also established, revamping of several hospitals was done and additions of beds were made in different hospitals such as Children Hospital Lahore 700 new beds block, PIC new emergency block 200 beds, Mayo Hospital new surgical tower 500 beds, Services Hospital new OPD block 350 beds. It has established 25 new Burn Units at DHQ level. It has established 4 drug testing labs in Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Multan. PML-N government had adopted well-supported policies and it had governed in a way that policy implementation was in the system. The instructions from PML(N) leadership never went actionless. It is evident by the fact that it had built the Pakistan's first ever Bone Marrow transplant in Children Hospital Lahore. Additionally, it had made Pakistan Kidney & Liver Institute and Research Center. Furthermore, an agreement had been signed with Novartis Pharma for the provision of free medicines worth Rs. 6 billion for diabetic, cancer and heart patients. Unfortunately, soon after the PTI government came to power, the good health policies have gone wrong. They are badly manipulated and they have produced unintended effects. Health sector has fallen prey to corruption and ineptitude. Sometimes the trouble is political, it is essentially in the way things are done in governance. In PTI's case it is both. Health budget has also been reduced which can be seen as following:



## PTI has compromised right to information:

While the Article 19-A of Constitution states that "every citizen shall have the right to have access to information in all matters of public importance subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by (the) law." The Right to Information Act and other articles allows citizens to avail documents and information from any public body or government department. Furthermore, it is the duty of the Government and public body or government departments to provide all information on respective websites. Unfortunately, contrary to the spirit of democracy the PTI regime has sought to use information blockades. The PTI Government has not updated the information of the important departments and Public Sector Organizations including the fundamental "Department of Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education". The Department since its inception, has aimed to improve the health and quality of life of all. The budget section of its website tells us about MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT OF ADP budget allocated to health. One can see it at the following given website:

<https://health.punjab.gov.pk/Budget.aspx>



# WHEN THE LION ROARS



Here is our man of nerves, Hamza Shahbaz Sharif, sitting before the team of HORIZON at his Assembly chamber. He is out from the Kot Lakhpat Jail-Lahore on production order to attend the Punjab Assembly session and perform his duties as Leader of the Opposition. On asking he reveals a compassionate blend of political discussion and personal chit chat. Following are the excerpts from the interview of this young political leader of Punjab who is bravely facing third term of political persecution and victimization:

## **1. President of PML-N party, Ex Chief Minister of the Punjab province Mian Mohammad Shahbaz Sharif is an iconic political leader. How do you find him as your Father?**

I am a proud son whose father is a visionary leader for his people. He has done wonders by his immaculate speed that even young people would envy. I have seen him closely in transforming the province of Punjab into an iconic development model. Even opponents agree to his performance and willpower despite being a cancer patient for a long time.

He is a caring, disciplined, upright and compassionate father. He taught me the best of things a father could possibly do but I always carry along two utmost lessons that are close to my heart: "service to humanity" and "coffins have no pockets". What better a father could offer?

## **2. Could you please share with us your political journey? You have a sweet legacy. Did it all come so easily to you?**

Interestingly I was 17 years old student of the then Government College (GC), Lahore when I was politically victimized by FIA held me in 14 days' custody. But it was just the beginning. After two weeks when the court had declared me a minor, they asked me to sign a paper asking for forgiveness. It was shocking for me to seek written forgiveness. For what? My refusal led me to further imprisonment of 6 months to Adiala Jail-Rawalpindi. Ultimately the Tribunal Court quashed my custody and turned it down into acquittal.

Few years later in 1998, military coup of a Dictator Gen. Musharaf's era of 10 years marked another spree of political bigotry against me. My entire family was in exile. I was the only person who lived in the city of Lahore. I was not allowed to travel outside Lahore. My name was put on ECL. During those 10 unforgettable years I suffered isolation as a son, a brother, a cousin, a nephew, so on and forth. My mother wanted to see me like every mother does. My father went through a life and death cancer surgery in USA, but I wasn't permitted to visit him. My grandfather passed away whom I had to bury all alone here in Lahore. My sisters' got married. I had to send them off on my own, while the family was kept away. I was alone facing all this. NAB kept calling me for interrogation for 6 consecutive years against false charges of corruption against my family. There was not even a single penny's embezzlement found in the end. You can see my political upbringing has been a tough call.

## **3. Once again you are under arrest. On what charges? What you have to say about it?**

Even today NAB has been holding me for the last 14 months. The alleged crimes are still unknown! In one case I have got bail. It is an irony of the situation that in another case there has been no reference filed against me as yet and I have to come from the Jail to attend assembly sessions not from my house. What worst mockery of accountability could be made? It is no secret now that NAB is globally recognized as an institution of "political engineering". All I have to say is let's not take our country to the poverty, hunger, inflation, unemployment and economic meltdown to the point of no return as is the case in last two years. Political victimization is not a solution to this country. Alleged detention of opposition leaders Nawaz Sharif, Shahbaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz, Shahid Khakaan, Saad Rafiq, Salman Rafiq, Rana Sanaullah, Ahsan Iqbal, Hanif Abbasi and many more has exposed fascist mindset of the government. They cannot curb commitment and resolve of the democratic political leaders for our country and its people. Now people demand "Purana Pakistan" where GDP was 5.8%, sugar price was 52 rupees/kg, wheat 32 rupees/kg, mega development project of CPEC, energy, infrastructure, road networks and much more were a game changing reality to every life.

## **4. Who do you miss most in Jail?**

It is undoubtedly my 18 months' daughter Samawiyah.

## **5. Do you read in jail? Your favorite book or author?**

I mostly read political biographies and autobiographies. One of my favorites is "Mandella's Long Walk to Freedom"

## **6. Your favorite game?**

Badminton. I like outdoor games where one can exhaust physically while playing.

## **7. Do you like listening to the music?**

Yes, I am a huge fan of Rafi Sahib, Kishor Kumar, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Madam Noor Jahan.

## **8. If not a politician what would have you been?**

Perhaps an architect.

## **9. Do you think supremacy of law has been established after 18th amendment to the Constitution?**

Pakistan has still a long way to attain rule of law and become viable federation. The 18th amendment is a step in right direction. I am also strong proponent of functioning Local Government system.

## **10. What is that one factor which keeps you going under such immense pressure?**

Prayers of my parents, particularly my mother, are a blessing on me.

## **11. Your message for the party workers?**

I thank you all for unwavering support during these times of crisis and for braving up hostilities of this antagonistic regime. Inshallah, we will preserve through these times with honor, grace and courage. We have to serve people of Pakistan together again.

# GHABRANA NAHI



## WHY PTI FAILED

After 2 years in government, there is no doubt that PTI has miserably failed on the promises it made before elections 2018. Most Pakistanis knew that the PTI leadership would fail to deliver.

Why was it bound to fail. That's the question. There are 3 main reasons - poor leadership, incompetent team and unrealistic plan. Let's analyse in detail.

Starting with the leader himself. Apart from his cricketering abilities and Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Kaptaan had never worked a single day in any job or business of his own. As such he had no understanding of business dynamics less to talk of national economic challenges. At best he knew the problems but little in terms of the solutions. If someone has not run a small office and is suddenly entrusted to run the premiership of the country, disaster will be the natural outcome.

We now come to the team selected by the PM. If the PM does not have comprehension of the multiple problems facing the country, his ability to pick the right team will only be limited. Contrary to general thinking, Pti never had the quality of people in its ranks. The choices were limited to begin with. With the likes of Gandapur, Faisal Vawda, Murad Saeed, Shehryar Afridi, and others, there was never any hope of quality delivery. Add to this, the poor quality of the chief ministers - Usman Buzdar & Mahmood Khan. To round up the team, we have a matric pass as education minister in KPK and an FA pass as Governor in Sindh.

The third reason for the failure and perhaps the most important was the lack of preparation and understanding of the many economic, foreign policy and governance challenges facing the country. The entire economic plan was based on simplistic & unrealistic assumptions such as:

1. Khan is sincere and people trust him. Therefore once in power, people will line up to pay taxes in numbers never seen before. According to the plan, tax revenue was to increase from around Rs 4000 billion to 8000 billion in 2 years. Guess where we are after 2 years - still at around 4000 billion where PMLN left in 2018 ( PML(N) doubled tax revenue collection in its 5 years)

2. The plan also assumed there is corruption of Rs 12 billion taking place on a daily basis. **"Once Khan is in power, there will be no corruption."** As such Rs 12 billion will be added to national treasury on a daily basis. Guess how much has been saved over 2 years - ZERO. In fact according to Transparency International, Pakistan's corruption ranking has worsened in last 2 years.

3. The plan also assumed that money laundering to the tune of 10 billion dollars is taking place on annual basis. This will be saved & added to the foreign exchange reserves. Result after 2 years - No evidence of money laundering taking place - certainly not visible in reserves.

4. Finally Khan also promised to bring back the famous 200 billion dollars stashed outside Pakistan and that will resolve all our problems. Guess how many dollars have been brought back in 2 years - ZERO.

With such a poor leader, incompetent team and rudderless plan, the failure on a massive scale was to be the only outcome. After 2 years, we have more corruption, more unemployment, more poverty, unprecedented price increases, negative growth, poor governance, more scams (Sugar, Wheat, Petrol, etc).

If the last 2 years are any guide, the next 3 are likely to be even worse. Hopefully though, we will be saved from the misery much sooner than 2023. For now the dream of Naya Pakistan is dead and buried.



**Zubair Umar**  
Former Governor Sindh

*One may smile and  
smile and be a  
villain*

*~William Shakespeare*

# Social Media Mosaic

Badar Shahbaz

What comes to your mind when you hear the term 'Social Media'? Facebook? Twitter? A Youtube channel? A blog? Or is it apps like Whatsapp, Snapchat etc? Social media is undoubtedly a key tool today for shaping the public opinion. But as they say "Don't look at the gun, see the man behind", a rope can be used either to hang someone or to pull a water bucket out of a well. Similarly, the power of social media can be used for both positive and negative purposes.

Former American President Barack Obama was the first globally recognised politician to have used social media for his election campaign. His slogans 'We Want Change' and 'America is changing' resonated with millions throughout the US, and beyond. The powerful social media campaign convinced the world that a black American could not only change America but also influence the global politics with his slogan of change.



Now, let's talk about the use of social media in Pakistan's perspective. We all remember the dengue outbreak few years ago and the warlike fervour with which Punjab's then chief minister Shehbaz Sharif fought against it. Through his aggressive social media campaign, he created mass awareness and mobilised the people of Punjab to fight the deadly epidemic. He used social media for interacting with the public, listening to their problems and making sure that they were addressed by the relevant departments. Maryam Nawaz was the first female leader who, through the intelligent use of social media, reached out to the masses.

As I mentioned earlier, a rope can either be used to pull the water bucket out of the well or to hang someone in it. It is quite evident how PML-N has used social media for all the right purposes while the ruling PTI chose to exploit the modern technology for negative propaganda against its opponents and spreading disinformation among its supporters.

**#AttacksWontSilenceUs**

**Nafisa Shah** @ShahNafisa

Attempts to hack into accounts seems to be a norm in PTIs Naya Pakistan, not just of women journalists, but opposition women politicians as well. My account was restricted last 5 days, and this is not the first time. In solidarity: [#AttacksWontSilenceUs](#)

**Salman Sufi (Stay At Home to Stay Safe)** @SalmanSufi

In 2016 what started as project to change [#Punjab](#) continues to bear fruit.

Under [@CMShehbaz](#) we at SRU started multipronged "Transport sahatat program" - Launched [#DVRS](#), Automated Registration card & today Universal plates launched. Ending city based plates.

**PMLN Economy** @PMLNEconomy - Aug 20

Credit rating is not the sole factor to determine whole economic performance, that reflects only borrowing capacity & rate of returns, moreover in last 15 year, positive external credit rating was awarded only once & that was [@MlshaqDar50](#) tenure. But [@Hammad\\_Azhar](#) won't tell this

**Hammad Azhar** @Hammad\_Azhar - Aug 18

They wont tell why they left country near Default if all was so great. Credit agencies downgraded PMLN's econ, intl partners wrote about their callous policies and pmln raised voices for IMF bailouts themselves. Pak fared much better economically post-covid compared to region. [twitter.com/miftahismail/s...](#)

**Fiazi Bata** @Fiazi330

After the detailed decision of the [#SupremeCourt](#), the Chairman [#NAB](#) should be arrested and his name should be entered in the [#ECL](#) and asked who is behind the stumps...?

**#SCEExposesNABNiaziNexus**

**Benazir Shah** @Benazir\_Shah

**We demand the govt:**

- 1) Immediately restrain its members from repeatedly targeting women
- 2) Send out a clear message to all party members, supporters to desist from launching these attacks
- 3) Hold all such individuals within the government accountable

[#AttacksWontSilenceUs](#)

**#2YearsOfDisaster**

# Panorama

Azad Kashmir Assembly addressed for the first time in the history of Pakistan by the Leader of Opposition, Shehbaz Sharif.



PML(N)'s unwavering resolve to ensure the supremacy of rule of law and democracy

