

Media Tracking Report

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Education in Pakistan

Go home, you are 55 by Dr. Faisal Bari-in [DAWN](#)

Recent reports in Newspaper has signaled that the Punjab School Education Department (SED) is contemplating retiring all teachers who are 55 years of age or older. The current retirement age is 60. The author looks into reasons why such SED is considering such an option and an age based policy cannot solve performance related issues.

PM approves ambitious youth support programme-in [DAWN](#)

In an attempt to support the youth of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday approved in principle an ambitious programme aimed at providing job opportunities, education, soft loans and professional skills to the youth of the country. According to Usman Dar Prime Minister on youth affairs number of schemes will be introduced under Wazir-i-Azam Kamyab Naujawan Programme, to provide job opportunity, education and professional skills to the youth.

Govt schools to be converted into Science technology schools: Fawad Chaudhry-in [The NEWS](#)

All government schools would be converted into "Science technology schools" says Fawad Chaudhary who is Federal Minister for Science and Technology Pakistan. He said all advance countries across the globe are using latest technology for the bright future of their generations and that a country's prosperity is dependent on the use of Technology. In the first phase of the programme 1500 government schools will be introduced with technology based education.

Education Ministry starts registration of seminaries- in the [Pakistan Today](#)

As part of the government's campaign to register seminaries across Pakistan, the Ministry for Federal Education and Professional Training has started taking necessary measures to link all seminaries with the ministry. The ministry has decided to set up ten directorates across the country for the registration of seminaries, while one directorate would be established in the federal capital as an overseeing authority.

Infrastructure: The political costs and economic benefits of collaborating with China

CPEC industrial cooperation: Govt finalises plan to revitalise seven SEZs- in [The NEWS](#)

The government has finalised a plan for revitalisation of seven existing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) while missing facilities including utilities would be provided to them in next six months. Chairman Bol said a revitalisation plan for the existing 07 special economic zone has been finalised wherein missing facilities including utilities would be provided in the coming six months to ensure utilisation of around 1500 acres land here would be brought under utilisation.

IMF and Pakistan

Pakistan, IMF strike \$6 billion deal-in the [Express Tribune](#)

The government has struck a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a bailout package for about \$6 billion over the next three years to meet foreign debt obligations. The staff level agreement on economic policies, which could be supported by a 39-month Extended Fund

Arrangement (EFF), is aimed to support Pakistan's strategy for stronger and more inclusive growth by reducing domestic and external imbalances, removing impediments to growth, increasing transparency, and strengthening social spending, said a statement issued on IMF's official website.

IMF deal at comparatively low mark-up: Hafeez Shaikh – in the [Express Tribune](#)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has agreed to lend \$6 billion at comparatively cheaper mark-up rate, which would help in acquiring another \$2-3 billion from World Bank and Asian Development Bank at low interest rate. According to Mr. Hafeez the loan agreement would send a strong message to countries around the world that Pakistan has decided to implement fiscal and monetary discipline, while the loan programme would help collect higher revenue.

IMF deal has nothing to do with NFC award: Hafeez-in the [DAWN](#)

Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh asserted on Thursday that the agreed upon deal between the government and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had nothing to do with the already settled National Finance Commission award. He said the lending body had not asked for any reforms for the constitutionally established programme for distribution of revenues between the federal and provincial governments.

IMF bailout package — rescue or trap for Pakistan?- in the [DAWN](#)

Pakistan sealed a \$6 billion bailout deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last week to shore up its fragile public finances and underpin its slowing economy, but the programme is unlikely to achieve stabilisation amid sacrificed growth, according to economists. The experts fear that the three-year structural adjustment programme, which is expected to be formally approved by the Fund's executive board in July, will further add to rising inflation and utility tariffs.

'Bech de!' by Asim Sajjad Akthar –in [DAWN](#)

MANY readers will recognise that the title of this column is borrowed from an online marketplace that is increasingly popular in Pakistan. This refrain is emblematic of the ideas that dominate our society and world, ideas that most of us endorse uncritically on a daily basis. My question is: what's the difference between the slogan 'Bech de!' and the policies that the PTI government has loyally agreed to implement at the urging of the IMF?