

Committee Representation

Traditionalists

Military Chief of Staff: Asim Munir

General Asim Munir's credentials prior to assuming this post in late 2022 include the Sword of Honour from the Mangla Officers Training School, commanding the Kashmir region, and serving as the quartermaster general.¹ Known for his "impeccable reputation", he is the first general to have headed both the Military Intelligence, and the Inter-Services Intelligence departments, the army's internal affairs and spy agency respectively.² Munir's vision for Pakistan takes on an economic lens, as he has conducted meetings with chief business/industry leaders, with the hopes of potentially elevating Pakistan to the G20, on the backs of its rich resources and high youth percentage(65% of the population are 30 or below).³ Additionally, Munir has stressed the idea of documenting the economy, to both widen the tax net, provide thrust for the economy, and to eliminate any and all "gray zones".⁴

Minister of Defence: Anwar Ali Hyder

A retired lieutenant, Anwar Ali Haider brings over thirty years of military experience to his current position. Along with his military background, he has worked on numerous projects, serving the Army Welfare Trust, working on the Askari Housing Projects, and many others.⁵ As Minister of Defense, he is tasked with defending national interests, and the territorial integrity of Pakistan. Hyder's plans involve equipping the Pakistani Air Force(PAF) with state of the art technology, in part of his effort to strengthen the PAF's ability to protect the nation's security, and modernize.⁶

Minister of Law and Justice: Ahmed Irfan Aslan

Representing the Pakistani Muslim League, Aslan is the current Minister of Law and Justice. This position serves as the advisory service organization providing services to all Official Federal Governments on legal, judicial and constitutional matters.⁷ Part of his immediate actions was to meet with acting President Arif Alvi, to discuss the upcoming general elections.⁸ The President urged the Minister to ensure all decisions were made in accordance

¹ Hussain, Abid. 2022. "Who is Asim Munir, Pakistan's new army chief?" Al Jazeera. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/11/24/who-is-asim-munir-pakistans-new-army-chief>.

² Hussain. "Who is Asim Munir, Pakistan's new army chief?"

³ "The Munir Doctrine: 'Blast, Bulldoze, Disregard' All Obstacles to Economic Recovery." 2023. The Friday Times. September 4, 2023. <https://thefridaytimes.com/04-Sep-2023/the-munir-doctrine-blast-bulldoze-disregard-all-obstacles-to-economic-recovery>.

⁴ "The Munir Doctrine: 'Blast, Bulldoze, Disregard' All Obstacles to Economic Recovery."

⁵ "Ministry of Defence." n.d. Mod.gov.pk. Accessed September 5, 2023.

<https://mod.gov.pk/ProfileDetail/MDkyYjMxZGYtNzE1Mi00YWVmLWJmZmYtNTlhN2NhMDMzMmY4>.

⁶ "CARETAKER DEFENCE MINISTER COMMENDS PAF'S COMMITMENT to NATIONAL SECURITY and MODERNIZATION EFFORTS." n.d. Www.youtube.com. Accessed September 6, 2023.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQFgiVUbBSc>.

⁷ "Ministry of Law and Justice." Molaw.gov.pk. Accessed August 29, 2023. <https://molaw.gov.pk/index>.

⁸ "Caretaker Law Minister Calls on President Arif Alvi." 2023. Dunya News. September 4, 2023. <https://dunyaenews.tv/en/Pakistan/752563-Caretaker-Law-Minister>.

with the constitutional spirit, and as Law Minister, he will have a role to play in the administration's overseeing of the general election.

Minister of Power and Petroleum: Muhammad Ali

Muhammad Ali brings over 30 years of domestic and international experience in finance, tech, real estate, and manufacturing. He has been a successful entrepreneur and policymaker. He has been the driving force behind the creation of various companies in Pakistan, Middle East, and North America. He faces mass protests against the rising electricity and petrol prices. Such an issue has existed for quite some time, even before the vote of no confidence against Imran Khan. Ali has stated that while the government is doing all it can, the soaring dollar rate, and increase in global petroleum prices have impacted the nation the most, and this is out of their control.⁹ Solving this crisis remains his top priority.

Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir: Chaudhry Anwarul Haq

Functioning as a self-governed state, the Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir has its own Prime Minister, legislative assembly, supreme court, and an official flag.¹⁰ Haq, recently elected on April 20, 2023, has stated he plans to elevate the issue of Kashmir to the national and international levels, and strongly believes in serving the people, saying that "The prime minister, who has been elected today, will not be removed by the court or the house, but if he fails to serve the people, he will leave the post himself".¹¹ Haq has vowed to establish rule of law and merit in Kashmir, and has stressed that all facilities and energies be devoted to the betterment of the common man, and not to a specific class.¹²

Economic Reformists

Minister of Climate Change: Ahmad Irfan Aslam

This Ministry is tasked with tackling the complex status of climate change in Pakistan. As such they will have to strike a crucial balance, especially in a nation where 63% of their power generation comes from fossil fuels.¹³ The challenge lies in balancing economic growth with ecological preservation, while securing international cooperation to combat climate change.

Minister of Commerce and Industry: Gohar Ejaz Hi

As Minister, Gohar Ejaz Hi is tasked with helping to contribute to the national economy, chiefly through trade facilitation and liberalization. Additionally, he is charged with helping

⁹ Ebrahim, Zofeen T. 2023. "Pakistan in Uproar as Protests over Soaring Energy Prices Turn Violent." *The Guardian*, September 5, 2023, sec. Global development. <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/sep/05/pakistan-uproar-violent-protests-soaring-fuel-electricity-prices>.

¹⁰ "Home." Government of the State of Azad Jammu & Kashmir. Accessed August 29, 2023. <https://ajk.gov.pk/>.

¹¹ "Haq Sworn in as 15th AJK PM." 2023. *The Express Tribune*. April 20, 2023. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2413003/haq-sworn-in-as-15th-ajk-pm>.

¹² Naqash, Tariq. 2023. "Chaudhry Anwarul Haq Takes Oath as AJK PM." *DAWN.COM*. April 20, 2023. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1748688>.

¹³ "Pakistan - Renewable Energy." *Www.trade.gov*. <https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/pakistan-renewable-energy>.

improve export competitiveness, and reducing the cost of conducting business. After assuming power, Ejaz has set ambitious goals of propelling domestic exports to an impressive 80 billion dollars. As part of this, he has revealed plans to launch projects within the Special Economic Zone, with a focus on the garments sector.¹⁴ His initiatives are poised to stimulate economic activity, boost employment, and solidify the country's position on the global stage.

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Minister of Federal Education and Professional Training: Madad Ali Sindhi

Formed in 2011, the Minister of Federal Education is tasked with creating equitable opportunities in Education in consonance with the needs of the indigenous socio-economic development, to ensure that the nation can improve and modernize.¹⁶ Moreover, the position also entails improving vocational training, adult literacy, coordination with provinces, and standards in higher education.¹⁷ When it comes to Pakistan's overall education policy, the minister is focused on restoring the standards to the educational system. He has stated that since the power of education is a provincial subject, the reservations individual provinces have over history subjects, they had a right to include them in their curriculum.¹⁸

Additionally, he has stated that the fees of private schools must be reasonable, and that Federal Universities were in crisis as they weren't receiving pensions, and that this had to be corrected.¹⁹

Minister of Finance: Shamshad Akhtar

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar received her PhD in Economics from the Scotland Paisley College of Technology. In addition to her strong academic background, she has served as the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan for 3 years, and is the first female to assume such a position.²⁰ Prior to assuming the Governor status in 2006, she served as the leader of the Asian Development Bank. She brings a wealth of experience to her current position, serving to present the national budget, amongst other important details. In her first public appearance since assuming office, she has warned that the nation does not have the fiscal space for subsidies, which will hurt people, in the form of electricity or fuel prices.²¹ Along with this,

¹⁴ Amin, Tahir. 2023. "Gohar Assumes Charge with \$80bn Export Goal on Mind." Brecorder. August 19, 2023.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40258729>.

¹⁵ "Gohar Assumes Charge with \$80bn Export Goal on Mind."

¹⁶ "WELCOME to MINISTRY of FEDERAL EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL TRAINING." 2015.

Web.archive.org. June 9, 2015.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20150609101354/http://moent.gov.pk/gop/index.php?q=aHR0cDovLzE5Mi4xNjguNzAuMTM2L21vcHR0bS8uL2ZybyURldGFpbHMuYXNweD9vcHQ9YmFzaWMmaWQ9MQ%3D%3D>.

¹⁷ "WELCOME to MINISTRY of FEDERAL EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL TRAINING."

¹⁸ "Madad Ali Sindhi Vows to Evaluate Ability of Teachers to Improve Educational System." 2023. The Nation. September 4, 2023. <https://www.nation.com.pk/04-Sep-2023/madad-ali-sindhi-vows-to-evaluate-ability-of-teachers-to-improve-educational-system>.

¹⁹ "Madad Ali Sindhi Vows to Evaluate Ability of Teachers to Improve Educational System."

²⁰ Author. 2021. "Shamshad Akhtar - Biography and Personal Life." Profiles of Famous Pakistanis. August 31, 2021.

https://profilepk.com/shamshad-akhtar#google_vignette.

²¹ Rana, Shahbaz. 2023. "No Space for Subsidies in IMF Agreements, Says Shamshad." The Express Tribune. August 30, 2023. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2433196/no-space-for-subsidies-in-imf-agreements-says-shamshad>.

she has stated that only through abiding by the IMF's programme and criteria, can they secure the inflow of funding that they desperately require.²²

Minister of Housing and Works: Shahzad Khan Bangash

Maulana Abdul Wasay, a respected religious scholar and pragmatic leader, takes on the responsibility of Minister of Housing and Works. Known for his community-focused approach, he aims to provide affordable housing solutions and improve infrastructure across Pakistan. Maulana Wasay's deep-rooted connections within society and dedication to social justice guide his policy decisions. Striving to bridge urban-rural disparities, he faces the task of reconciling traditional values with modern development, while navigating political complexities and resource limitations.

Minister of Maritime Affairs: Shahid Tarar

Tarar brings years of experience into his current position, having served in the portfolios of communications, railways and aviation, and road infrastructure. Under his guidance, numerous multibillion projects were completed, with nearly 1400 billion rupees spent on projects to improve national highways and motorways.²³ Bringing this experience into his current status, he is known as being very hardworking, and task oriented, and for getting jobs done.

Minister of National Health Services: Nadeem Jan

Nadeem Jan, the Minister of National Health Services, is a seasoned healthcare expert with a deep commitment to improving public health in Pakistan. With a background in medicine and a history of advocating for affordable healthcare access, he is a steadfast advocate for universal healthcare coverage.²⁴ Nadeem Jan is known for his compassionate and pragmatic approach to healthcare policy, emphasizing his determination to combat disease outbreaks and enhance the nation's healthcare infrastructure.²⁵

Minister of Science and Technology: Umar Saif

As Minister, Umar Saif comes armed with an extensive background in academia, consulting, and entrepreneurship in the IT sector. In charge of Science and Technology, he is tasked with advancing Pakistan's Technology presence, both domestically, and internationally. Recently, the Minister has unveiled a plan to achieve a target of \$10 billion in annual exports through 4 major dimensions.²⁶ He seeks to boost online banking platforms, training software developers, facilitation of freelancers, introducing a de-risking mechanism for venture capital,

²² . "No Space for Subsidies in IMF Agreements, Says Shamshad."

²³ "Shahid Tarar's Appointment as Caretaker Minister Welcomed." 2023. The Nation. August 19, 2023.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/19-Aug-2023/shahid-tarar-s-appointment-as-caretaker-minister-welcomed>.

²⁴ HUM Network Web Desk, 2023, "Renowned public health expert Dr Nadeem Jan sworn in as caretaker health minister," Hum NEWS, <https://humnews.pk/politics/renowned-public-health-expert-dr-nadeem-jan-sworn-in-as-caretaker-health-minister/>.

²⁵ HUM Network Web Desk, "Renowned public health expert Dr Nadeem Jan sworn in as caretaker health minister."

²⁶ "Umar Saif Unveils IT Export Plan of \$10 Billion." 2023. The Nation. September 1, 2023.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/01-Sep-2023/umar-saif-unveils-it-export-plan-of-dollar-10-billion>.

to bring back the investment trend in startups.²⁷ Saif hopes that through this, the economy can be restimulated, and the nation can be placed on the track for long term growth.

Diplomats

Ambassador to the UN: Munir Akram

Munir Akram, Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, is a seasoned diplomat with a track record of representing Pakistan's interests on the international stage. He has extensive diplomatic experience and is committed to advocating for Pakistan's foreign policy priorities within the United Nations framework.²⁸

Minister of Communications: Shahid Ashraf Tarar

As the Minister of Communications, Shahid Ashraf Tarar is a seasoned politician with a vision for modernizing Pakistan's transportation and communication networks. His extensive experience underscores his determination to enhance infrastructure, reduce transportation bottlenecks, and improve connectivity within the country.²⁹ Shahid Ashraf Tarar's political acumen and focus on economic development are central to his role in the Cabinet.³⁰

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Jalil Abbas Jilani

Jalil Abbas Jilani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, brings a wealth of diplomatic experience to the Pakistani Cabinet. A distinguished career diplomat, he is known for his shrewd negotiation skills and his dedication to advancing Pakistan's foreign policy interests on the global stage.³¹ He has unwavering commitment to maintaining peaceful relations with neighboring countries while safeguarding Pakistan's sovereignty and promoting international cooperation.³²

Minister of Human Rights: Khalil Francis

Khalil Francis, the Minister of Human Rights, is a dedicated advocate for social justice and equality. He has a strong commitment to protecting the rights and freedoms of all Pakistani citizens.³³ He seeks to address issues related to gender equality, minority rights, and the

²⁷ "Umar Saif Unveils IT Export Plan of \$10 Billion."

²⁸ United Nations, 2020, "2020: H.E. Munir Akram (Pakistan) | Economic and Social Council," the United Nations, <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/content/2020-he-munir-akram-pakistan>.

²⁹ Muhammad A Chaudry, 2023, "Shahid Tarar's appointment as caretaker minister welcomed," The Nation, <https://www.nation.com.pk/19-Aug-2023/shahid-tarar-s-appointment-as-caretaker-minister-welcomed>.

³⁰ Zia U Rehman, 2023, "The Caretaker Federal Minister for Railways, Capitan (R) Shahid Ashraf Tarar assumed responsibilities at Ministry of Railways," Associated Press of Pakistan, <https://www.app.com.pk/photos-section/the-caretaker-federal-minister-for-railways-capitan-r-shahid-ashraf-tarar-assumed-responsibilities-at-ministry-of-railways/>.

³¹ Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs n.d, "Jalil Abbas Jilani," Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Accessed September 4, 2023, <https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/people/jalil-abbas-jilani>.

³² Recorder Report, 2023, "Jalil Abbas Jilani to become foreign minister?" Business Recorder, <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40258346>.

³³ Asma Humayun, 2021, "Francis elected to Balochistan Assembly - Pakistan - DAWN.COM," Dawn, <https://www.dawn.com/news/1613282>.

elimination of discrimination, ensuring that Pakistan upholds its international human rights commitments.³⁴

Minister of Interior: Sarfraz Bugti

Sarfraz Bugti, the Minister of Interior, is a no-nonsense leader known for his unwavering dedication to maintaining law and order. He is known for his tough stance on security issues, border management, and counterterrorism efforts. Sarfraz Bugti is determined to safeguard Pakistan's internal stability and protect its citizens from various security challenges.

Minister of Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony: Aneeq Ahmad

Aneeq Ahmad, the Minister of Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony, is a bridge-builder dedicated to fostering religious tolerance and harmony. He has a commitment to promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding while ensuring that religious practices in Pakistan are respected and protected. Aneeq Ahmad seeks to create an environment where diverse religious communities can coexist peacefully.

³⁴ Asma Humayun, "Francis elected to Balochistan Assembly - Pakistan - DAWN.COM."

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