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Pakistan and Germany Explore Enhanced Cooperation in Mining, Energy, and Natural Resources

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Federal Minister for Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik, was called on by H.E. Ms. Ina Lepel, the German Ambassador to Pakistan, at the Ministry of Energy. Ms. Janine Rohwer, Political and Economic Counsellor was also in presence. The discussions centered on unlocking the vast potential for bilateral cooperation in Pakistan's mining, minerals, and energy sectors.



The German Ambassador, H.E. Ms. Ina Lepel, commended Pakistan's efforts and highlighted the growing international interest in the country's natural resources. "There is a lot of potential in Pakistan's mining and natural resources sector," stated Ambassador Lepel. "The international interest in Pakistan's mining sector

is encouraging, and the Reko Diq project stands as a crucial test case for attracting further international investment."

She also pointed towards specific avenues for technical collaboration, suggesting that the "Geological Survey of Pakistan and the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) have significant potential for collaboration." Ambassador Lepel noted Germany's previous support in mapping geohazards in Pakistan.

Federal Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik detailed the government's strategic focus on modernizing the sector. "Our vision is clear: we are focused on promoting sustainable and mechanized mining practices. In this regard, the Reko Diq project is the torchbearer, setting a new benchmark for large-scale, responsible mining in Pakistan," the Minister said.

He further said that building on the momentum generated by the recent Pakistan Mineral Summit, stating, "The next edition of the Pakistan Mineral Investment Forum will be even bigger, showcasing the extensive opportunities we have to offer to global investors."

The discussions also extended to the energy sector, where Minister Malik outlined Pakistan's commitment to environmental sustainability. "Pakistan is actively working on a comprehensive refinery upgradation program. This initiative is not only crucial for meeting our domestic fuel quality standards but also aligns perfectly with Germany's strong policy focus on decarbonization and a green transition. Both our countries can collaborate effectively on this front," he added.

The Minister also highlighted recent achievements, noting, "To enhance our energy security, Pakistan is focused on indigenizing our fuel supplies. In a landmark move after almost two decades, we have successfully conducted a bidding round for offshore exploration blocks, signaling a new era of investment in our upstream sector."

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening the Pakistan-Germany strategic partnership and agreed to work together paving the way for tangible investments and knowledge sharing.
