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Shaq Dar Pushes for Transparent Governance in Pakistan

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Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar chaired a high-level meeting in Islamabad to strengthen transparent governance, emphasizing accountability and efficiency across Pakistan's public sector.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar led a multi-departmental meeting in Islamabad to advance transparent governance, as reported by ARY News. The session, attended by senior officials from various ministries, focused on streamlining administrative processes and ensuring accountability to bolster public trust. Dar, a

seasoned politician from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), stressed the need for robust mechanisms to eliminate corruption and enhance efficiency, aligning with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's vision for economic stability. According to a statement from the Foreign Office, Dar emphasized that transparency is critical for sustainable governance and economic recovery.

The meeting reviewed ongoing reforms, including digitalization efforts by the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to simplify processes like obtaining succession certificates, as noted by ARY News. Dar directed officials to expedite initiatives that promote open access to government data and ensure compliance with anti-corruption measures. He highlighted the importance of public sector accountability, citing Pakistan's recent economic progress, with foreign reserves reaching \$11.3 billion, per The Express Tribune. A senior official present at the meeting, quoted by Dawn, stated that Dar underscored the government's commitment to rooting out inefficiencies, ensuring taxpayer money is used effectively.

Public reactions show cautious optimism, with some users praising the focus on transparency but urging tangible results. Critics argue that past promises of reform have often stalled, pointing to the need for consistent enforcement. Dar's track record as a four-time finance minister, known for his economic policies dubbed "Daronomics," lends weight to his leadership in this initiative, though challenges remain in implementing systemic change. The Foreign Office noted that the meeting also explored coordination with international partners to adopt global best practices in governance, aligning with Pakistan's role in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for 2025-2026, as per Radio Pakistan. These efforts aim to strengthen Pakistan's administrative framework amid ongoing economic and security challenges.