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Hamas' Armed Wing Claims 'Large Rocket Barrage' Fired At Tel Aviv

CAIRO/ JERUSALEM: Hamas said it launched missiles at Tel Aviv on Sunday, prompting sirens to sound in the Israeli city for the first time in four months as the Palestinian group sought to show military strength despite Israel's Gaza offensive.



The Israeli military said eight projectiles were identified crossing from the area of Rafah, the southern tip of the Gaza Strip where Israel kept up operations despite a ruling by the top UN court ordering it to stop attacking the city.

On Sunday, Israeli strikes killed at least five Palestinians in Rafah, according to local medical services. Israeli tanks have probed around the edges of the city, close to the main southern crossing point into Egypt, but have not yet entered the city in force.

In a statement on its Telegram channel, the Hamas al-Qassam Brigades said the rockets were launched in response to "Zionist massacres against civilians".

Following the rocket salvo, Israel's hardline public security minister Itamar Ben Gvir - who is not part of Israel's war cabinet - urged the army to hit Rafah harder.

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Nearly 36,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's offensive, Gaza's health ministry says. Israel launched the operation after Hamas-led fighters attacked southern Israeli communities on Oct 7, killing around 1,200 people and seizing more than 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

Two Soldiers, Including Captain, Martyred In Peshawar IBO

RAWALPINDI: Two soldiers, including a captain of the Pakistan Army, embraced martyrdom during an intelligence-based operation conducted by the security forces in Peshawar district's Hassan Khel area on Sunday, said the military's media wing in a statement.



A statement issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said that the operation was launched on the "reported presence of terrorists" in the area. It added, during the operation, the troops "effectively engaged" with the terrorists and killed five of them while injuring three others.

braced Shahadat," said the ISPR.

"However, during intense exchange of fire, leading his troops from the front, Captain Hussain Jahangir (age: 25 years, resident of Rahim Yar Khan District) along with another brave son of soil, Havildar Shafiq Ullah (age: 36 years, resident of District Karak), having fought gallantly, made the ultimate sacrifice and em-

These key findings were revealed in the Q1 2024 Security Report issued by Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS), detailing that the country witnessed at least 432 violence-linked fatalities and 370 injuries among civilians, security personnel and outlaws resulting from as many as 245 incidents of terror attacks and counter-terror operations. Among the 432 fatalities, 281 included that of civilians and security forces personnel.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Urges Afghanistan To Extradite TTP Terrorists Involved In Besham Attack

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday demanded that Afghanistan take "action" against the terrorist group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), including its so-called leader, for its role in recent terrorist attacks in the country, including a suicide bombing of a vehicle carrying Chinese nationals in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Besham.



"We demand that the interim Taliban government arrest the TTP leaders, including its chief, Noor Wali Mehsud and hand them over to Pakistan in order to maintain friendly relations between the two countries," Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi told a press conference in Lahore, along with senior security officials.

The Chinese engineers were en route to their camp in Dasu - the district headquarters of the Upper Kohistan district of K-P - from Islamabad. Their vehicle was hit by an explosive-laden vehicle, coming from the opposite direction, near Lahore Naha on the Karakoram Highway.

On March 26, a vehicle-borne suicide bomber targeted a convoy escorting Chinese engineers in the remote Besham area of Khy-

ber-Pakhtunkhwa, killing six people, including the vehicle driver. The Chinese engineers were en route to their camp in Dasu - the district headquarters of the Upper Kohistan district of K-P - from Islamabad. Their vehicle was hit by an explosive-laden vehicle, coming from the opposite direction, near Lahore Naha on the Karakoram Highway.

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-Isn't that what Ali Zaidi also said before dumping Imran? Abandoning Imran Khan Will Never Happen For Me: Zulfi Bukhari



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Zulfi Bukhari on Sunday stated that going against party founder can never become a reality, media reported.

In his statement on social media platform X, Bukhari stated that, "Alhamdulillah, my family is completely safe at this time, they are under no pressure and no danger over them." Bukhari termed the Al-Qadri Trust case 'fabricated', saying that attempts were being made to convict the former prime minister in this case.

Pakistan Reaffirms Commitment To 'One China' Policy



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Sunday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to the 'One China' policy stressing Islamabad's principled support to Beijing on the Taiwan issue and referring the land as an inalienable part of China.

PM Shehbaz referred to translates to diplomatic acknowledgement and support for Beijing's stance that only one Chinese government - a key aspect of Beijing's policy-making and diplomatic standing and a fundamental pillar of its relations with the United States.

"Pakistan has always extended its principled support to the Chinese position on Taiwan and will continue to do so. Pakistan adheres to the 'One China' policy," PM Shehbaz said in a statement on X, formerly Twitter.

As per the BBC, Taiwan, which began its "separate" route after the nationalists retreated to the Island nation following the Chinese Civil War, is considered by China as its part which is destined to be unified with the mainland. Under the said policy, a country which intends to have diplomatic ties with China cannot continue to have relations with Taiwan as the latter, Beijing maintains, is a part of mainland China.—RT/Agency

Iranian President Raisi and FM Abdollahian Were True Friends Of Pakistan: COAS General Asim Munir

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir has described late Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi and foreign minister Amir Abdollahian who died in last week's helicopter crash as "true friends of Pakistan," according to the military's media wing.



The army chief's statement came during a telephonic conversation with Major General Mohammad Bagheri, Chief of General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Sunday.

The COAS extended deep condolences over the sad and unfortunate incident of the helicopter crash on May 19 which led to the demise of president Raisi, FM Abdollahian and other senior officials.

Gun Munir expressed that the Iranian president and the foreign minister were exceptional leaders and true friends of Pakistan, as

per the ISPR. The COAS highlighted that the loss of both the leaders and others was truly tragic and irreparable. "[The] COAS on behalf of all ranks of Pakistan Army extended prayers for the departed souls and well wishes for the bereaved families."

The army chief further said that Pakistan has historic, cultural and brotherly ties with Iran and the Armed Forces of Pakistan and Iran have always stood together.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also undertook a day-long visit to Iran earlier this week to offer condolences to the country's leadership on the death of the top officials including Raisi who was laid to rest on Thursday in his home town Mashhad.

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The 63-year-old died alongside his foreign minister and six others after their helicopter went down in the country's mountainous northwest while returning from a dam inauguration on the border with Azerbaijan.—RT/Agency

Emirs Of Qatar And Kuwait Accept Shehbaz's Invitation To Visit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Emir of Kuwait Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on Sunday accepted Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's invitation to pay a visit to Pakistan.



"Pakistan has always extended its principled support to the Chinese position on Taiwan and will continue to do so. Pakistan adheres to the 'One China' policy," PM Shehbaz said in a statement on X, formerly Twitter.

The Pakistan-Kuwait Joint Ministerial Commission would take place in Islamabad from May 28 to 30. During the meeting, both envoys presented letters to the premier wherein the emirs expressed their intention to visit Pakistan on mutually agreed dates.

PPP Delegation Meets Shehbaz To Discuss Federal Budget

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Pakistan People's Party called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and demanded for a people-friendly budget for the next year, media reported on Sunday.



The prime minister briefed the PPP delegation about the next federal budget. The delegation included former Prime Minister Fajr Pervaiz Ashraf, Syed Naveed Qamar, Sindh Chief Minister Murali Ali Shah and Senator Sherry Rehman.

Shehbaz assured consultation over the PPP demands, sources added. Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Adviser to PM on Political Affairs Rana Sanaulлах and Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar were also present in the meeting.—RT/Agency

THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: View of a clash between two groups of the Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), outside the HCCI Office.-RT

Larkana Journalists Demand Justice For Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani



By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Members and leaders of the Larkana Press Club and the Larkana Union of Journalists held a protest demonstration demanding justice for Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani, a journalist who was brutally murdered near Mirpur Mathelo. Addressing the protest, several leaders including President of Larkana Press Club Murtaza Kalhoro, Vice President Dr. Badar Shaikh, General Secretary Naveed Larik, Finance Secretary Abdul Qadir Jagirani, M. Younis Detho, Mashooq Odhano, S. Iqbal Babu, Muhammad Ashiq Pathan, Munir Ahmed Soomro, Zafar Abro, Sarkash Sadiyah, Munawar Rind, Ayaz Sarwar, Moazam Sultan Bukhari, Syed Sabir Shah, and Tariq Mehmood Durrani, voiced their concerns. The leaders emphasized that Nasrullah Gadani was martyred for performing his journalistic duties with integrity and dedication. They called on the authorities to take immediate action to apprehend the attackers and their accomplices responsible for this heinous act. The protestors underscored the increasing dangers faced by journalists in Sindh and demanded enhanced security measures to protect media professionals. They vowed to continue their struggle for justice until the perpetrators are brought to book, urging the government and law enforcement agencies to prioritize the safety and security of journalists.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Qasimabad are holding a protest demonstration for the recovery of Tariq Jatoi as soon as possible, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

Conflict Erupts In PPP District Badin As Information Secretary Attacks UC President

By Raja Zafar Iqbal
BADIN: A significant altercation occurred in Badin yesterday when the Information Secretary of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) district Badin allegedly attacked the Union Council (UC) President in the presence of a party MNA and MPA. The incident took place at the residence of Sardar Haji Rasool Baksh Chaudhry, where several party leaders and workers had gathered. MNA Haji Muhammad Ramzan Chaudhry and Taluka President Taj Muhammad Mallah were present when the fight erupted. The UC President, Sardar Haji Rasool Baksh Chaudhry, expressed his grievances over the recent appointment of Mir Mallah as the UC President of Muhammad Khan Bhurgari, which occurred during a program attended by the Chief Minister of Sindh in Hyderabad. Chaudhry argued that he was the rightful president and that his replacement violated party protocols. Dada Abro, the Information Secretary, denied the allegations, calling them a pre-planned conspiracy. The situation escalated into a physical confrontation, but other PPP leaders and workers intervened to prevent further violence. After the incident, Mr. Abro spoke to journalists, asserting that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had directed that development schemes should be managed by the presidents of all union councils. Abro accused a particular faction within the party of plotting to undermine his position and corrupt the party. He specifically mentioned Rafiq Jamali, brother-in-law of the Mir Mallah group, as being illegitimately appointed as president without proper procedure. Abro filed a written complaint to the district and taluka presidents, alleging that Mir Mallah and Murtaza Jamali had threatened him, subjected him to severe violence, and attempted to kill him. He appealed to PPP Sindh President Nisar Ahmad Khuro and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, emphasizing his long-standing loyalty to the party and decrying the humiliation and violence he faced in the presence of senior party members. In response to the allegations, PPP leader Mir Mallah downplayed the incident, describing it as an internal party matter and not uncommon in PPP meetings. Despite the gravity of the situation, no official statement has been issued by the PPP leadership regarding the resolution of this conflict. The incident underscores the internal strife and factionalism within the party, raising concerns about the stability and unity of the PPP in the Badin district.

Daulatpur Journalists Demand Justice for Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani

By Aijaz Jochio
DAULATPUR: Journalists in Daulatpur staged a boisterous protest demanding justice for Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani, a journalist who was tragically murdered near Mirpur Mathelo. The demonstration saw participation from prominent local journalists, including Mehboob Jochio, Mir Murtaza Jochio, Muhammad Ali Jochio, and Niaz Unar, along with leaders from various organizations. The protestors expressed deep concern over the increasing insecurity faced by journalists in Sindh. They highlighted the urgent need for authorities to apprehend the murderers of Nasrullah Gadani. The demonstrators made it clear that if swift action is not taken, they plan to escalate their protests. The journalists called for immediate and decisive action from law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of media personnel and to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice. The protest serves as a stark reminder of the risks journalists face in their line of duty and the pressing need for greater protection and security for members of the press in the region.

HESCO CEO Reviews Anti-Heatstroke Measures During Surprise Visit To Hyderabad Subdivisions



By Munwar Chandio

HYDERABAD: Muhammad Roshan Otho, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO), conducted a number of surprise visits to various subdivisions in Hyderabad to review ongoing measures against heatstroke amidst the intense heatwave. During his visit, he assessed the work being carried out at the Latifabad Rizvi Subdivision and commended the dedication of HESCO officers and staff who were diligently performing their duties despite the extreme heat and it being a holiday. CEO Otho issued directives to all the officers concerned to promptly address any issues related to faulty transformers or feeders in any subdivision, ensuring full relief to citizens. He emphasized the urgent repair of burnt-out transformers and made it clear that electricity theft would not be tolerated, warning that legal action would be taken against any-

NSC Ward Inaugurated At DHQ Hospital Kotri With WHO's Support

By Shaikh Sindi
KOTRI: In a significant development aimed at improving healthcare services, the Nutritional Support Center (NSC) ward was inaugurated at the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital in Kotri. The inauguration was led by Dr. Barkat Ali Laghari, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). The event was attended by several notable medical professionals, including Dr. Muhammad Bachal Shaikh (AMS), Dr. Adibah (AMS), Dr. Irfan Janvri (DMS), and Dr. Aftab Jamali (MS-II), who lauded the joint efforts of WHO in enhancing healthcare services. They emphasized the importance of the new NSC ward in addressing malnutrition and related health issues among patients. Speaking to the media, Dr. Barkat Ali Laghari expressed his gratitude towards WHO for their pivotal role in establishing the NSC ward. "We are thankful for WHO's support in establishing this facility at the hospital. This will greatly enhance our ability to provide necessary nutritional care to our patients," he said. The inauguration of the NSC ward marks a significant step forward in the ongoing efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure and services in Kotri, particularly for those suffering from malnutrition and related health conditions. The event included prayer services and sacrifices in tribute to the fallen, along with expressions of homage and appreciation for their contributions. During the gathering, the speakers highlighted the exemplary qualities of Dr. Ibrahim Raisi, describing him as a paragon of virtue and a steadfast proponent of truth. They praised his efforts to propagate the message of justice and righteousness globally, often standing against the conspiracies of the United States and Israel, and exposing their actions to the world. The speakers emphasized that Shaheed Ibrahim Raisi was a product of the Islamic revolution and a true leader of the movement. They lauded his relentless dedication to public service, noting his tireless work ethic and his commitment to aiding the poor in remote areas. They remembered his efforts to ensure justice and equity, highlighting his extensive service in various governmental roles since the establishment of the Islamic government. As the Chief Justice of Iran, Dr. Raisi set remarkable standards of justice, earning widespread respect and admiration. He played a pivotal role in strengthening Iran-Pakistan relations, working diligently to promote and stabilize ties between the two nations. The condolence reference concluded with prayers for the martyrs, honoring their legacy and praying for their eternal reward. The event served as a solemn reminder of the impactful lives led by Ibrahim Raisi and his companions, and their enduring influence on the principles of justice and truth.



Five Abducted Bank Employees Return Home

KANDHKOT: In a significant development, five employees of a micro-finance bank, who had been kidnapped from the Indus Highway last month, have safely returned home, it was reported on Sunday. The return of the abducted employees has brought immense relief and joy to their families, who had been living in a state of constant fear and uncertainty. The families expressed their happiness and gratitude upon the return of their loved ones. Interestingly, the police appeared to be unaware of the return of the kidnapped employees, raising questions about their role and awareness in the matter. Earlier, the families of the victims had revealed that the kidnappers had contacted them, demanding a ransom of Rs8 million for the release of the hostages. This revelation had added to the distress of the families, who were already grappling with the loss and uncertainty of their loved ones. The relatives of the kidnapped bank employees had previously taken to protesting by blocking a section of the Indus Highway in Kashmir. They expressed their frustration and anger over the police's failure to recover their loved ones. The protesters highlighted that the victims, Altaf Ahmad Golo, Alam Golo, Gulab Dahani, Farman Ali Langahi, and Shah Nawaz Naseerani, who were working as recovery officers for the micro-finance bank, were abducted by bandits and taken to a riverine area (riverine forests) of Sindh has long been a notorious safe haven for criminals. These areas have recently seen an uptick in criminal activities, with bandits becoming increasingly bold in challenging authorities and engaging in kidnappings for ransom and other violent crimes. Despite the grave threat posed by these criminals to the safety and security of adjacent areas and inter-provincial traffic, the authorities have yet to effectively address and eliminate the menace. The return of the bank employees is a rare piece of positive news in an otherwise grim situation. However, it underscores the need for a more robust and effective response from law enforcement agencies to tackle the rampant criminal activities in the katcha areas and ensure the safety of citizens.—RT

Condolence Reference Held In Badin For Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi And Other Martyrs

By Raja Zafar Iqbal
BADIN: Under the auspices of the Khwaja Shia Twelve Jamaat Badin, a condolence reference was held to honor the memory of Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi and other martyrs who tragically lost their lives in a helicopter accident. The event included prayer services and sacrifices in tribute to the fallen, along with expressions of homage and appreciation for their contributions. During the gathering, the speakers highlighted the exemplary qualities of Dr. Ibrahim Raisi, describing him as a paragon of virtue and a steadfast proponent of truth. They praised his efforts to propagate the message of justice and righteousness globally, often standing against the conspiracies of the United States and Israel, and exposing their actions to the world. The speakers emphasized that Shaheed Ibrahim Raisi was a product of the Islamic revolution and a true leader of the movement. They lauded his relentless dedication to public service, noting his tireless work ethic and his commitment to aiding the poor in remote areas. They remembered his efforts to ensure justice and equity, highlighting his extensive service in various governmental roles since the establishment of the Islamic government. As the Chief Justice of Iran, Dr. Raisi set remarkable standards of justice, earning widespread respect and admiration. He played a pivotal role in strengthening Iran-Pakistan relations, working diligently to promote and stabilize ties between the two nations. The condolence reference concluded with prayers for the martyrs, honoring their legacy and praying for their eternal reward. The event served as a solemn reminder of the impactful lives led by Ibrahim Raisi and his companions, and their enduring influence on the principles of justice and truth.



HYDERABAD: Residents of GOR Colony are holding a protest demonstration for the acceptance of their demands, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT



LARKANA: Political Secretary to PPP Chairman, Jameel Ahmed Soomro is listening to the problems of the public during an open katchery program held at the Awami Markaz Ghali Nagar.-RT



The heavy-handed persecution of Shah Mahmood Qureshi continues unabated

The recent arrest of Shah Mahmood Qureshi on a slew of questionable charges underscores a disturbing pattern of political victimization in Pakistan. This brazen targeting of opposition leaders through a barrage of dubious cases is a blatant attempt to coerce them into abandoning their support for former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his party. Mr. Qureshi, who has a distinguished background and an unblemished reputation, is facing accusations that even his harshest critics find implausible. His upright nature and pedigree family make the allegations of violence and crimes against him all the more absurd.

The systematic persecution of opposition figures like Qureshi is a well-worn tactic in Pakistani poli-

tics. Instead of fostering a democratic environment



where political dissent is respected, the current actions reflect a troubling regression into authoritarian practices. This strategy of drowning opponents in legal troubles to silence and intimidate them is not only undemocratic but also deeply damaging to the political fabric of our nation.

The details of Qureshi's arrest, including the addition of eight more cases and his denied transfer due to "security concerns," highlight the lengths to which

authorities will go to stifle dissent. This is not just an attack on an individual but a broader assault on democratic principles and political plurality. The targeting of Qureshi, especially given his integrity and service as a former foreign minister, should alarm all who value justice and fair play.

As a nation, we have repeatedly witnessed the pitfalls of such heavy-handed tactics. These actions sow division, undermine trust in the judicial process, and erode the foundations of our democracy. It is imperative that we learn from our past mistakes and cease the political victimization of opposition leaders. Only through genuine democratic engagement and respect for differing political views can Pakistan hope to move forward and achieve true stability and progress.

GLOBAL WATCH

UK Scientists Plan Seabed Explosions To Solve Mystery Of Missing Flight MH370

Ten years after the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, researchers at Cardiff University have come up with a new plan to crack the mystery. According to Metro, researchers believe audio signals captured at a hydroacoustic station off the coast of Australia could be key to locating MH370.



Notably, when an aircraft crashes into the water, it creates distinct acoustic signatures that can travel over 3,000km through the water. Dr Usama Kadri, a Reader at Cardiff University's School of Mathematics, explained that their analysis revealed clear pressure signals from previous aircraft crashes detected on hydrophones, even at distances exceeding 3,000 km.

The details of the Cardiff team's research were published in the journal Scientific Reports. The study was conducted based on more than 100 hours of data recorded by hydrophones following ten past aeroplane crashes including one submarine disappearance.

"In the case of MH370, official investigations concluded the aircraft must have crashed near the 7th arc - the point at which the last communication between the plane and INMERSAT occurred. The main search area at the 7th arc lies less than 2,000km away from the hy-

droacoustic station at Cape Leeuwin, Australia, with no impediments to filter out the signal. However, within the time frame and location suggested by the official search, only a single, relatively weak signal was identified," Dr Kadri said. The team has proposed a series of controlled underwater explosions or air gunfire along the 7th arc to see whether they can isolate a more precise location for MH370.

"Similar exercises were performed in the search and rescue mission for the ARA San Juan, a submarine that vanished off the coast of Argentina in 2017. This shows us that it is relatively straightforward and feasible and could provide a means to determine the signal's relevance to MH370, prior to resuming with another extensive search. If found to be related, this would significantly narrow down, almost

pinpoint, the aircraft's location," Dr Kadri added.

Notably, flight MH370 with 227 passengers and 12 crew members on board disappeared after leaving Kuala Lumpur Airport in southern Malaysia en route to Beijing, China, on March 8, 2014. A nearly three-year search covering 120,000 square kilometres in the Indian Ocean found hardly any trace of the plane, with only some pieces of debris picked up. Despite the largest search in aviation history, the plane has never been found and the operation was suspended in January 2017.

However, following a renewed interest in the MH370 mystery, the Malaysian government announced on March 3 that they're considering resuming the search. A Texas-based company, Ocean Infinity, also proposed a "no find, no fee" deal to locate the aircraft.—Agency

4-Year-Old Emirati Girl Forgotten On School Bus By Staff: "Lucky To Get Our Child Alive"



A four-year-old girl in Sharjah was left alone on the school bus after the staff forgot to drop her off. According to the Khaleej Times, the girl, who fell asleep, was discovered crying by the bus conductor during the second trip taken by the bus for boys.

The girl was on the bus from 6 to 8:40 am and later became ill, following which she was taken to a hospital for a check-up.

Fortunately, the girl survived without any harm.

However, the girl's mother is now advising other parents to stay vigilant and regularly talk to bus drivers and conductors regarding their child's safety.

"At 7:30 am, the conductor called to inform me that my child fell asleep, was left behind on the bus, and couldn't reach the classroom. I told him to immediately drop her home, but he didn't.

It was only when I called her teacher that she came to know about the incident. We rushed to the school by 8.15

Piryalo's Poor Sanitary Conditions Irk Masses

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR. The residents of Piryalo are increasingly frustrated with the deteriorating sanitary conditions and damaged infrastructure in the town. The dilapidated state of the roads has become a significant concern, with sewerage water frequently inundating the streets and causing hazardous driving conditions.

Residents of the city's Abu Dhabi Colony have been particularly vocal about the poor sanitary conditions. The stagnant sewage water not only poses health risks but also contributes to frequent road accidents, adding

to the distress of the community.

The local populace has directed their complaints to the Town Committee Piryalo's Chairman and other concerned authorities, urging them to take immediate action to address these pressing issues. They have emphasized the need for urgent improvements in civic services to alleviate the immense problems faced by the citizens daily.

The residents have pointed out that the current situation is untenable and demands prompt intervention from the authorities to ensure safer and healthier living conditions in Piryalo.

THE HEARTLAND



LARKANA: Members and leaders of the Larkana Union of Journalists (LUJ) are holding a protest demonstration against the dastardly killing of journalist Nasrullah Gadani and demanding the immediate arrest of his killers, at Jinnah Bagh.-RT

Badin Journalists Demand Justice For Their Murdered Colleague Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Journalists in Shadi Large staged a protest demonstration in front of the Press Club Shadi Large, calling for the immediate arrest of the killers of Ghotki journalist Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani. The demonstration was led by prominent figures including Mohammad Umar Lind, President of Press Club Koski, Abdul Wahab Pathan, President of the Press Club Shadi Large, Senior Journalists Tajamal Khattak and Khalid Nawaz, Idris Lund, General Secretary of Awami

Press Club Shadi Large, Allah Bux Kapri, Joint Secretary of the Awami Press Club Shadi Large, Ghulam Rahim Lund, and others. The protestors condemned the murder of Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani, who was known for his fearless reporting and dedication to the truth. They also expressed deep frustration over the fact that, even after three days, the authorities had yet to register the case or make any arrests. The journalists claimed that influential bandits were responsible for Gadani's death and criticized

the delay in justice. Addressing the media, the protestors demanded that the Inspector General of Sindh Police take immediate action to arrest the perpetrators. They emphasized the urgent need for justice and protection for journalists who risk their lives to report the truth. The demonstration highlighted the growing dangers faced by journalists in Sindh and called for stronger measures to ensure their safety and the swift administration of justice in cases of violence against the press.

Two Criminals Escape From Jacobabad Police's Custody

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: In a startling incident, two criminals who were under arrest managed to escape from Mauldad Police Station on Sunday. The escapees, identified as Yar Muhammad Gulwani and Imtiaz Gulwani, were being held in connection with different cases. Following the escape, SSP Jacobabad Syed Saleem Shah took immediate notice of the breach in security. As a result, he has suspended the police officials responsible for the custody of the criminals at the Mauldad Police Station. SSP Shah has also issued strict directives to expedite the re-arrest of the escaped individuals, and Imtiaz Gulwani

swift action to rectify this lapse. The incident has raised concerns about the security measures in place at the police station and has prompted an internal review to prevent such occurrences in the future. Efforts are currently underway to track down and apprehend the escaped individuals, and Yar Muhammad Gulwani is emphasizing the need for



NAUDERO: Members and leaders of the civil society are holding a protest demonstration against the killing of journalist Nasrullah Gadani and demanding the immediate arrest of his killers, at the Shaheed Rani press club.-RT

"They're Coming In Coffins": Israeli Hostage Families Mourn Dead

Tel Aviv: The sister of an Israeli hostage whose body was recovered from Gaza last week struck a solemn tone Sunday as she laid him to rest after thousands attended his funeral.

"I feared this ending but I wanted so much for it to end differently," Avivit Yablonka told AFP at the funeral of her brother Chanan.

Chanan, 42, was murdered on October 7 in Hamas's unprecedented attack, while trying to escape from the Nova music festival where at least 364 people were killed.

His body was taken to the Gaza Strip by militants but was retrieved on Friday by Israeli troops after spending 230 days in captivity.

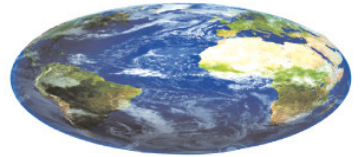
In the space of a week, the Israeli army has announced the death of eight hostages who had been presumed to be alive - five Israelis, two Thais and a French-Mexican dual national.

The army also retrieved seven bodies - including Chanan's - that had been held in Gaza since October 7.



Hopes have since faded among the families of other hostages whose whereabouts are unknown. Militants took 252 hostages during the attack, 121 of whom remain in Gaza, according to 37 Israeli army says are dead. Dozens of hostage relatives gathered outside the home of Chanan's parents Sunday for a silent procession to Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaal cemetery, accompanied by thousands waving Israeli flags. The Yablonka family had urged people to join the march in solidarity with the hostages. "We have to bring everyone back - this march is for him and for the release of all the hostages,"

Avivit said. The war in Gaza broke out after Hamas's attack on southern Israel, which resulted in the deaths of more than 1,170 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed at least 35,984 people in Gaza, mostly civilians, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry. Before she learned of her brother's death, Avivit, 48, attended the funeral of Ron Benjamin, who was found in the same tunnel complex in northern Gaza as her brother, according to the army.—Agency



GLOBAL WATCH

12 injured as Qatar Airways' plane suffers turbulence mid-air

DOHA: As many as 12 people were reported to be injured in mid-air turbulence while the airline was over Turkey bound for Dublin from Doha, days after a similar occurrence in Singapore that killed one person.



Dublin Airport in a statement said that the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner experienced turbulence over Turkey, triggering an emergency response shortly after landing in Ireland. The Qatar Airways flight QR017 landed before 13:00 local time, with the authorities saying that six passengers and six crew members were injured. The Dublin Airport team continues to provide full assistance on the ground to passengers and airline staff, the airport said, according to BBC.

It received a pre-alert to attend the airport and is "currently on site facilitating and supporting the disembarkment of passengers". Qatar Airways told BBC News NI in a statement that "a small number of passengers and crew sustained minor injuries in flight and are now receiving medical attention." "The matter is now subject to an internal investigation," it added. CNN reported that approximately 65,000 passenger aircraft suffer moderate-level turbulence annually in the US. Around 5,500 witnessed severe turbulence, which is expected to grow. In 2022, Paul Williams, a professor of atmospheric science at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, told the outlet that he believes climate change is modifying turbulence. "We ran some computer simulations and found that severe turbulence could double or triple in the coming decades," Williams added.—Agency

Massive fire at family entertainment venue in India's Rajkot kills 27



GUJRAT: At least 27 people, including many children, were killed after a fire that broke out on Saturday evening in a family entertainment venue in Gujarat, India, a government official said. According to Reuters, rescue efforts continued at the scene in the Rajkot district. "Our focus is on rescue operations and saving lives. We will ensure strict action is taken against the people who are responsible for this incident," Mayor Nayana Pedhadiya said. Television images showed a massive fire engulfing the TRP game zone and thick clouds of smoke emanating from the site. A police official at the local civil hospital said some of the bodies were charred beyond recognition. In a post on social media platform X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the local administration was working to provide assistance to those affected. "Extremely distressed by the fire mishap in Rajkot. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones," Modi said in the post. "The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained," the district's chief fire officer, IV Kher, told Reuters. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said an investigation into the incident had been handed to a Special Investigation Team, and television reports said two people had been detained by Rajkot police in connection with the incident.—RT/Agency

Taiwan's president says he wants to work with China



TAIWAN: Taiwan's new president said on Sunday he was still ready to work with China, despite this week's military drills around the self-ruled island. The drills began around Taiwan on Thursday, just three days after Lai Ching-te was sworn in, part of an escalating campaign of intimidation by China which views the island as part of its territory. During the two-day drills, China vowed that what it described as "independence forces" would be left "with their heads broken and blood flowing". Lai told reporters on Sunday that he wanted Taiwan and China to "jointly shoulder the important responsibility of regional stability." "I also look forward to enhancing mutual understanding and reconciliation through exchanges and cooperation with China [...] and moving towards a position of peace and common prosperity," he said at an event in Taipei.

Communications between China and Taiwan were severed in 2016 after former president Tsai Ing-wen of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) took office, pledging to defend Taiwan's sovereignty. Lai, also a DPP member, had vowed to maintain Tsai's policies of building up Taiwan's defence capabilities, while remaining open to dialogue with China and strengthening relations with the island's partners — particularly the United States. Wen-ti Sung, a non-resident fellow at the Atlantic Council's Global China Hub, told AFP that Lai would "hold firm to project resolve" during this first interaction between his administration and Beijing. "However he will no doubt be looking to leverage other international partners and friends to help facilitate more back-channel communications with Beijing," Sung said.—Agency

More than 670 feared dead in Papua New Guinea landslide

PAPUA: More than 670 people are assumed to have died in Papua New Guinea's (PNG) massive landslide, the United Nations' migration agency estimated on Sunday as rescue efforts continued.



Media in the South Pacific nation had previously estimated Friday's landslide had buried more than 300 people. But more than 48 hours later, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) said the death toll may be more than double that, as the full extent of the destruction is still unclear and continuing dangerous conditions on the ground are hampering aid and rescue efforts. Only five bodies have been retrieved from the rubble so far. The agency based its death toll estimates on information provided by officials at Yambali Village in the Enga province, who say more than 150 houses were buried in Friday's landslide, Serhan Aktoprak, the chief

of the agency's mission in PNG said in an email statement. "Land is still sliding, rocks are falling, ground soil is cracking due to constant increased pressure and groundwater is running, thus the area is posing an extreme risk for everyone," Aktoprak said. More than 250 houses nearby have been abandoned by the inhabitants, who had taken temporary shelter with their relatives and friends, and some 1,250 people have been displaced, the agency said. "People are using digging sticks, spades, large agricultural forks to remove the bodies buried under the soil," Aktoprak said. The IOM said an elementary school, small businesses and stalls, a guesthouse, and a petrol station were also buried. The UN's PNG office said five bodies were retrieved from an area where 50 to 60 homes had been destroyed, with several injured reported, including at least 20 women and children. IOM said the community in this village was relatively young and it's feared that the most fatalities would be children of 15 years or younger.—Agency

3 Injured In Knife Attack On Metro In France's Lyon, Attacker Arrested



PARIS: At least three people were injured in a knife attack on the metro in the eastern French city of Lyon on Sunday, police said, adding that an attacker was arrested. Separately, Lyon public prosecutor Thierry Dran told AFP that the attack left four people injured, adding their lives were not in danger. A police source told AFP that two of the victims were wounded in the abdomen and a third in the arm. An investigation was launched into "attempted homicide", prosecutors said. "The national police questioned an individual following a knife attack near the Jean-Jaures metro station in Lyon," the Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes prefecture said on X. "Three victims are being treated by emergency services", the regional prefecture added. The incident occurred at around 2:40 pm on line B, near Place Jean-Jaures in the city's 7th district, according to a police source.—Agency

UK's Conservative Party Pitches For Mandatory National Service At 18



Britain's Conservative Party will introduce mandatory national service for 18-year-olds if it wins the national election on July 4, comprising military or community participation, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said on Sunday. Young adults will be able to choose between spending one weekend a month volunteering over a year, or taking up one of 30,000 spaces to spend a year in the armed forces, Sunak said. The announcement followed Labour Party leader Keir Starmer's comments on Saturday that he was in favour of allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote. Sunak's Conservatives lag Labour by a wide margin in opinion polls, which have shown little change in fortunes for the prime minister since his surprise election call last Wednesday. "Britain today faces a future that is more dangerous and more divided. There's no doubt that our democratic values are under threat. That

is why we will introduce a bold new model of national service for 18-year-olds," Sunak said in a statement. The Conservative Party said the proposal would be funded by cracking down on tax avoidance and evasion, and by diverting money from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which existed to reduce regional economic inequality. Labour politicians decided the announcement. "The national service we need from our young people is to vote for change on the 4th of July," said Andy Burnham, mayor of Greater Manchester. Interior Minister James Cleverly told broadcasters there would be no criminal sanctions for skipping mandatory national service but that people would be compelled to do it, without providing further details. Asked by the BBC if forcing adults to volunteer was at odds with the Conservative Party's liberal tradition, Cleverly said: "We force people to do things all the time." He cited compulsory education or training for teenagers until the age of 18 as an example.—Agency

9 Killed As Tornadoes, Extreme Storms Hit Several US States



WASHINGTON: At least nine people were killed across the central United States as tornadoes and other extreme storms hit several states including Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, officials said Sunday. Rescue efforts were ongoing and hundreds of thousands of people were without power after the storms struck the Southern Plains region beginning late Saturday. In Texas, Cooke County Sheriff Ray Sappington told ABC affiliate WFAA that five people were dead after a tornado ripped through the Valley View area, north of Dallas. "Sadly, I think that number will rise," Sappington told The Weather Channel, adding that search and rescue operations were ongoing. Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said that a tornado hit Mayes County

late Saturday, the county head of emergency management Johnny Janzen told the Fox News affiliate in Tulsa. And in northern Arkansas, two people were killed in storms in the early hours of Sunday, local authorities confirmed. As far north as Indiana, the start of the Indianapolis 500 was delayed Sunday due to storms in the area, with fans asked to exit the bleachers and seek shelter.—Agency

US expected to lift ban on sale of offensive weapons to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON: The United States is expected to lift a ban on the sale of offensive weapons to Saudi Arabia, potentially in the coming weeks, The Financial Times reported on Sunday. The newspaper reported that Washington has already signalled to Saudi Arabia that it was prepared to lift the ban, citing a person familiar with the matter. Soon after taking office in 2021, Biden adopted a tougher stance over Saudi Arabia's campaign against the Houthis in Yemen, which has inflicted heavy civilian casualties, and over Riyadh's human rights record, in particular the 2018 killing of Washington Post journalist and political opponent Jamal Khashoggi. Saudi Arabia, the biggest



US arms customer, has chafed under those restrictions, which froze the kind of weapons sales that previous US administrations had provided for decades. However, lifting the ban on offensive weapons sales was not directly linked to these talks, FT said. The White House and Saudi Arabia's government communication office did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.—Agency

Cyclone hits Bangladesh as nearly a million flee inland for shelter



AN intense cyclone smashed into the low-lying coast of Bangladesh on Sunday, with nearly a million people fleeing inland for concrete storm shelters away from howling gales and crashing waves. "The severe Cyclone Remal has started crossing the Bangladesh coast," Bangladesh Meteorological Department Director Azizur Rahman told AFP, adding the raging storm could continue hammering the coast until at least the early hours of Monday morning. "We have so far recorded maximum wind speeds of 90 kilometres per hour, but the wind speed may pick up more pace." Forecasters predicted gusts of up to 130km/h, with heavy rain and winds also lashing neighbouring India. Authorities have raised the danger signal to its highest level. Cyclones have killed hundreds of thousands of people in Bangladesh in recent decades, but the number of superstorms hitting its densely populated coast has increased sharply, from one a year to as many as three, due to the impact of climate change. "The cyclone could unleash a storm surge of up to four metres above normal astronomical tide, which can be dangerous," Bangladesh senior weather official Muhammad Abul Kalam Mallik told AFP. Most of Bangladesh's coastal areas are a metre or two above sea level and high storm surges can devastate villages. "We are terrified," said 35-year-old fisherman Yusuf Fakir at Kuakata, a town on the very southern tip of Bangladesh along the predicted route of the storm, speaking just before its arrival. While he had sent his wife and children to a relative's home inland, he stayed put to guard their belongings.—Agency

Fire kills six newborns at baby hospital in New Delhi

NEW DELHI: Six newborns have died in a fire at a baby care hospital in India's capital New Delhi, local authorities said on Sunday. Television footage showed firefighters attempting to douse the fire which broke out late Saturday night and engulfed the hospital in the eastern part of the city.



The fire department told news agency ANI, in which Reuters owns a minority stake, that six more children were rescued and taken to a different hospital, with one on a ventilator. The fire has since been brought under control. The owner of the baby hospital has fled, Delhi police said. "The causes of the incident are being investigated and whoever is responsible for this negligence will not be spared," Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said in a post on social media platform X.—Agency

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MONEY

Over 18,000 Retailers Enroll In FBR's Tajir Dost Scheme

ISLAMABAD: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Sunday announced a notable surge in the number of traders have been registered under the Tajir Dost Scheme, media reported.

As per FBR's report, a total of 18,381 traders have registered as filers since April 1.

Among these, 14,472 filers were created through the Tajir Dost app, and an additional 3,899 traders became filers through other means, according to an FBR report.

As per FBR's city-specific data, a total of 5,303 businessmen registered as filers in Karachi, while Lahore saw 5,112 traders becoming filers between April 1 and May 25. Islamabad recorded 1,567 new filers, and Rawalpindi had 2,138 traders registering as filers, while Peshawar added 1,534 businessmen to the list of filers, and Quetta saw 980 traders registering as filers during the same period.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI



Sindh Government Has Allocated Rs3 Billion For Karachi Safe City Project: Law Minister

KARACHI: The Sindh government has announced plans to transform Karachi into a safe city by allocating Rs3 billion for the Karachi Safe City project.

Sindh Interior Minister Zia Linjar revealed that the first phase of the Safe City project is set to be completed within 12 months. The project aims to enhance security measures in Karachi through the implementation of advanced surveillance and monitoring systems.

Minister Linjar emphasized that the project's success would pave the way for its extension to other cities across the province. He highlighted the potential of the Safe City project to significantly improve the law and order situation in Sindh.



Speaking on the performance of the police department, Minister Linjar commended their efforts and reiterated the government's commitment to further enhancing law enforcement measures. He assured that comprehensive strategies would be implemented to ensure the safety and security of citizens across the province.

The allocation of funds for the Karachi Safe City project reflects the Sindh government's dedication to addressing security concerns and fostering a safer environment for residents and visitors alike.—RT/Agency

Preparations Complete For Somia Khan's T-20 World Cup Anthem Release



KARACHI: Final preparations have been made for the highly anticipated release of renowned singer Somia Khan's anthem for the T-20 Cricket World Cup 2024, titled "Jeetinge Jeetinge World Cup Hum Jeetinge." Produced under the banner of SAM Event Management, the song is infused with lyrics radiating excitement and enthusiasm.

Known for her distinctive musical style, Somia Khan is optimistic about the anthem's reception. The song is scheduled for release on May 29 via Somia Khan's official channel, with a grand launch event planned at the historic Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: Supporters of the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) are holding a Special Persons March on Rashid Minhas against Israeli aggression and atrocities in Gaza.—RT

Renowned Actor Talat Hussain Passes Away At 83

KARACHI: Veteran actor Talat Hussain passed away in Karachi after a prolonged illness, confirmed Karachi Arts Council President Ahmed Shah on Sunday.

Shah shared he was informed about the actor's death by his daughter Tazeen Hussain. His funeral prayer was offered at Masjid-e-Aysha in Defence Phase 7 after Asr prayers. The late actor was laid to rest in the DHA graveyard.



Hussain, who is known for his prolific career in radio, television and cinema, was battling with prolonged illness and undergoing treatment in a private hospital.

Born in September 1940 in Delhi, India, the renowned thespian was married to professor Rakhshanda Hussain and was a father of three - two daughters and one son.

Hussain, studied from London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, and was awarded Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Star of Excellence) in 2021 and Pride of Performance Award

in 1982 by the Government of Pakistan.

He was also awarded Amanda Award in 2006 for best supporting actor in a Norwegian film "Import Ek-sport" and Nigar Award in 1986 for best supporting actor in film "Miss Bangkok".

Hussain left an indelible mark in the Pakistani show-biz industry, from delightful dramas to insightful writing. He had a decades long career in acting, singing and arts. He also worked for sometime for the BBC in London.

He worked in many dramas including "Arjuman" in 1979 on PTV, "Ansoo", "Bandish", "Des Pardes", "Tariq Bin Ziad", "Eid ka Jora", "Fanooni Latifey" and "Hawain".

Shah, speaking to media, expressed sadness over Hussain's demise.

"It is a very unbelievable situation. Mr Talat was a member of the Arts Council and also remained its vice-president. He was a man of literature as most of his life he would read and write books.—RT/Agency

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Aleem Khan To Attend International Conference In Tajikistan

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications, Privatisation and Investment Board Abdul Aleem Khan will visit Tajikistan to represent Pakistan in a Two-Day International Regional Conference under "Road to Tien Shan".



Besides Pakistan, China, India, Armenia, Iran, Turkey and Azerbaijan are included in this international conference commencing from Wednesday.

Speaking to journalists today, Abdul Aleem Khan said Pakistan was already working on the road network from Afghanistan and China to Tajikistan.

He said the construction of new highways will provide access to ports and corridors for commercial markets while such global projects will lead to international co-operation besides promoting trade from Pakistan.

A day earlier, it was reported that a high-level delegation headed by Abdul Aleem Khan will visit Kuwait by end of current month for boosting investment in Pakistan.

The Pakistani delegation is expected to have meetings with Prime Minister of Kuwait and Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Power and Petroleum while Trade Minister of Kuwait will host, said a news release issued here on Friday.

Trade and business activities between the two countries will also be finalized and the visit to Kuwait will be made more useful in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Commerce.

Abdul Aleem Khan presided over the important consultation meeting regarding the visit to Kuwait in which the necessary issues were finalized.

The minister said that during his visit to Kuwait, there will be progress in providing employment to more workforce from Pakistan, especially health professionals and skilled labor, as well as taking the business community into confidence and the private sector.—RT/Agency

In-Depth Training Essential To Enhance Working Capacity: DG Sindh Food Authority Agha Fakhar Hussain

KARACHI: Director General of the Sindh Food Authority (SFA), Agha Fakhar Hussain, recently presided over a certificate distribution ceremony for participants who completed specialized training on "Measurements of Uncertainty and Method Validation."

This training initiative was part of workshops organized by the GRASP Project of the International Trade Center, aimed at capacity building of laboratory staff regarding ISO 17025 compliance for testing laboratories.

The meticulously designed program aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of key concepts and practices necessary for adherence to ISO-17025, a globally recognized standard for laboratory competence. Emphasizing two critical components of ISO-17025, the training focused on measurement of uncertainty and method validation.

DG SFA Agha Fakhar Hussain commended the dedication of all



trainees and congratulated them on the successful completion of this essential training program. He expressed gratitude to the organization for their efforts in facilitating such a valuable learning opportunity.—RT

PIA Gears Up For UK Flights



KARACHI: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has begun preparation for flight operations for United Kingdom (UK), media reported, quoting well-placed sources.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) team visited Pakistan to assess various aspects of the CAA and PIA, including licensing, flight safety, flight standards, and airworthiness. As per details, the PIA is

hoping to get nod for the UK flights and it has decided to operate weekly 22 flights for the kingdom.

In this context, the PIA has sought bids for in-flight catering services at London, Manchester and Birmingham airports. The intended companies have been asked to submit their technical and financial proposals by June 27, 2024.—RT/Agency

Initiatives Underway To Make Punjab's First Cancer Hospital Operational: Maryam

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has expressed her satisfaction with the Field Hospitals and Clinic on Wheels project.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the chief minister disclosed that measures were in progress to operationalise the province's first government-run cancer hospital.

She also unveiled plans for launching projects aimed at establishing comprehensive cardiology blocks in each district.

Acknowledging the benefits of health reforms, Maryam stressed an increasing dedication to further serving the populace, particularly in regions where healthcare infrastructure is lacking.

She said that these efforts encompassed the provision of state-of-the-art facilities

Education Ministry Releases Progress Report On Infrastructure Upgrades In ICT Schools

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has issued the progress report on infrastructure improvement in government schools in Islamabad under the National Education Emergency.

According to the details, in this financial year, the works have been substantially completed including the upgradation of 252 washrooms in 63 schools, while 21 primary schools have also been renovated.

It was further informed that roof treatment was completed in 43 schools. Similarly, IT parks were established in five institutes, while 21 libraries were set up in primary schools.

The artwork was completed in 30 schools, with the remaining projects underway.

The ministry said that the furniture was delivered to 21 primary schools and IT parks, with remaining projects in progress. The security wall renovation was ongoing for 80 schools and entrance up-



lift was completed for 30 schools, with remaining projects in progress, it added.

According to the Education Ministry, acrylic boards and corridor upgrades were also completed in 40 institutes, with remaining projects in progress. However, 100 wash stations were provided in 50 institutes, the ministry stated.

It was noted that 21 primary schools and IT parks, with remaining projects in progress. The security wall renovation was ongoing for 80 schools and entrance up-

Sharing the details of the new construction stage, the ministry said that as many as 120 rooms in 23 schools are at plinth level or above, targeting completion by the end of June. 65 rooms in 16 schools are at the roof level, with finishing works expected to be completed by the end of June, the ministry stated.

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40 schools expected to be added.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: People are attending the funeral prayers of veteran actor Talat Hussain, at Masjid-e-Aysha in DHA, Karachi.—RT



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior, Mohsin Naqvi and Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Laghari, Federal Minister for Energy are exchanging views with Ali Amin Gandapur, Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during their meeting.—RT



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is exchanging views with Mubarak Ali Aesa Al-Khater, Ambassador of Qatar to Pakistan during their meeting.—RT

