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PTI Struggles With Imran's Social Media Account Management

ISLAMABAD: After a controversial video regarding the Fall of Dhaka incident posted on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder's official X handle, his party leaders were seemingly confused over its endorsement or a clear rejection.



Commenting on the questionable X (formerly Twitter) post, the party's lawmaker Ali Muhammad Khan claimed on Friday that Imran Khan was unaware of the post and decided to "personally approve" social media content in future.

media account, Ali did not name anyone and said that in future, social media content on the PTI founder's account would not be published without the latter's approval.

The PTI lawmaker has dissociated the incarcerated former premier from the controversial video posted on the latter's verified X account which drew severe criticism from all quarters, including Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

However, the party seemed confused over the matter as some of its leaders defended Imran's debatable X post.

Ali, while addressing a press conference in Islamabad today, clarified that Imran's point of view should be taken in a political context. He further said that the former ruling party was neither interested in discussing the 1971 incident or the elements behind it nor it was an appropriate time to recall them.

Barrister Gohar Ali Khan, said that the video was shared on Imran's X account in the current political scenario.

He went on to say that the Imran-founded party was still urging not to repeat the past mistakes of 1971 to 2018. The lawmaker, however, said that his party would always oppose the establishment's role in political affairs.

On the other hand, PTI Central Information Secretary Raouf Hasan first demanded the conducting of a probe and then retracted his statement by saying that he did not watch the video.

When a journalist questioned the politico of the person behind handling the deposed prime minister's social

Another PTI leader and a Member of the National Assembly (MNA) Zain Qureshi claimed during a private channel's programme that Imran's social media account was being handled by the party but not anyone from outside.

He also said that the party took approval from the incarcerated PTI founder before posting it to his social media accounts. To a question, Zain confirmed that

Imran's X posts were always shared by his approval and it would be endorsed as the party policy.

After facing a strong wave of criticism, the party's core committee said in a statement today that they rejected the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) probe into Imran's social media post. It added that the registration of a new case against the PTI founder based on a social media post would be unwarranted.

The controversial X post was attributed to the former premier, which read: "Every Pakistani should study the Hamood ur Rahman Commission Report and get to know who was the true traitor, General Yahya Khan or Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."

Yesterday, the FIA's cyber-bertine wing decided to initiate action against Imran over his controversial tweet and reached Adiala Jail late Thursday night to question him.

However, the former premier refused to meet the intelligence agency's anti-cybercrime team and become part of the probe related to his controversial social media post.—RT/Agency

Khawaja Asif Advises Imran To Refrain From Speaking To Reduce Tensions

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif Friday asked Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan to keep his "mouth shut" if he wants political tension in the country to lessen.



"I think founder PTI wants to increase tension," said the minister in an exclusive interview with media in the wake of the controversial social media post shared on Khan's official X — formerly Twitter — account.

to retract the tweet related to the former Bangladeshi president.

Asif said the former prime minister, who remains incarcerated at the Adiala jail since August 2023, is trying again to create a situation like that on May 9.

"Barrister Gauhar [Khan] clarified that the social media team did not seek permission before tweeting," said the minister, adding that this was the first time that the party had to retract a post on their social media account.

The minister, commenting on the video in question, said attempts are being made

Khawaja Asif said he has a different stand on the history of the Bangladeshi politician and the tragedy of East Pakistan. "By exaggerating the tragedy of East Pakistan today, you want to increase the tension," he said, slamming Khan and his party. The minister maintained that whether it was in politics or sports, the former premier had stung everyone who had done good to him. "General [Qamar Javed] Bajwa's father, General Faiz [Hamid] was his uncle, now [he is] dumping all the debris at them," said Asif, commenting on Khan's relationship dynamics with the former military men when he was in power. Meanwhile, the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) cyber crime team on Thursday decided to initiate action against Khan over his controversial tweet on social media.—RT/Agency

Norwegian Ambassador Calls On Nawaz

LAHORE: The ambassador of Norway to Pakistan Per Albert Ilsaas on Friday called on PML-N President and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in Lahore.



The matters of mutual interest and Pak-Norway ties were discussed during the meeting.

The PML-N president and Norway's ambassador exchanged views to cooperate in various sectors to strengthen the bilateral ties. "The overseas Pakistanis living in Norway are playing significant role in strengthening the ties between two countries," said PML-N President Nawaz Sharif.

He emphasised the potential for increased cooperation between both the countries in various sectors including investment and trade.

The Norwegian ambassador congratulated Nawaz Sharif on being elected as PML-N president once again.—RT/Agency

Shehbaz Orders Reduction Of Petrol Price By Rs 4.74

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has reduced the price of petrol by Rs4.74 per litre in its third consecutive fortnightly review in light of a drop in the rate of global oil prices.



The new price of petrol has come down to Rs268.36 per litre from Rs273.10 per litre. Meantime, the high speed diesel also has been slashed by Rs3.86 per litre to Rs270.22 per litre from its previous price of Rs274.08 per litre. "The prices of Petroleum products have seen a decreasing trend in the international market during the last fortnight, states a notification from the finance ministry. "The Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has worked out the consumer prices, based on the price variations in the international market." The new rates, which come as a relief for the inflation-hit masses, will be applicable from 12am on June 1, a notification from the Finance Division issued

on Friday read. In the last review, the federal government had approved a massive cut of Rs15.39 per litre in the petrol price and the price of diesel was reduced by Rs7.88 per litre. The prices of petroleum products are revised every 15 days in Pakistan adjusting them to the trend of global oil prices and the rupee's exchange rate to the dollar. The Pakistani rupee has held steady recently. About 85% of Pakistan's oil needs are imported,

rate was estimated to be down by Rs0.25 per litre from the current rate of Rs274.08 per litre at the depot stage.

Officials said the price of petrol had gone down to about \$95 per barrel earlier in the international market, while the price of HSD had reduced to \$97 from \$99.12 per barrel. The prices of petrol and HSD had also dropped by Rs15.93 and Rs7.88 per litre, respectively, with effect from May 16. The government has already achieved the Rs60 per litre petroleum levy — the maximum permissible limit under the law — on both petrol and HSD and collected Rs720 billion in the first nine months ending March 31. The government had set a budget target to collect Rs869bn as petroleum development levy (PDL) on petroleum products during the current fiscal year under the commitments made with the

International Monetary Fund. Higher petroleum and electricity prices have been fuelling inflation. Petrol is mostly used in private transport, small vehicles, rickshaws and two-wheelers and has a direct bearing on the budget of the middle and lower middle classes. On the other hand, HSD prices are considered highly inflationary as they are mostly used in heavy transport vehicles, trains, and agricultural engines like trucks, buses, tractors, tube wells, and threshers. They particularly add to the prices of vegetables and other eatables. Currently, the government charges about Rs82 per litre tax on petrol and HSD. Although the general sales tax is zero on all petroleum products, the government is charging Rs60 per litre PDL on both products. On the other hand, it is charging Rs50 per litre for high-octane blending components and \$95RON petrol.—RT/Agency

Terrorist Ringleader And Accomplice Killed In Peshawar IBO



RAWALPINDI: A terrorist ringleader and another militant were killed by the security force during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Peshawar district's general area Hassan Khel on Thursday night, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said.

"The killed terrorists remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against security forces and killing of innocent civilians," the ISPR stated.

A brief statement issued by the military's media wing stated that the security forces effectively engaged the terrorists' location during the conduct of the IBO and gunned down terrorist ringleader Ayaz Muhammad and Ahmedy alias Koochi while injuring two others.

It said that weapons, ammunition, and explosives were also recovered from the slain terrorists. The ISPR further stated that the successful anti-terrorist operation was appreciated by the area locals. The military's media wing reiterated the security forces' determination to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country.—RT/Agency

Dr. Shahzad Baig Resigns As Head Of Pakistan's Polio Eradication Program



ISLAMABAD: Dr Shahzad Baig, coordinator of the National Emergency Operations Centre for Polio Eradication, announced his resignation from the post.

Pakistan has so far reported three polio case in 2024. The third polio case of the year has been reported from Killa Abdullah district of Balochistan.

Dr Baig, who was recently included in the list of 100 most influential people across the world in the field of health in 2024 by Time magazine, confirmed the development, saying he had stepped down for "personal reasons".

According to the Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio at the National Institute of Health, wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) was detected in stool samples collected from a child in Darozai union council of Killa Abdullah. The affected child developed symptoms of paralysis on April 20.

The resignation of Mr Baig comes after the government decided to appoint a bureaucrat to lead the polio programme in the country. He has been facing criticism over the spread of the crippling disease in Pakistan, with the virus detected in at least 153 environmental sam-

ples across 39 districts. Meanwhile, reports said a bureaucrat would head the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) for polio amid the resurgence of the virus in the country.—RT/Agency

Shehbaz To Begin Five-Day Visit To China On Tuesday

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is set to embark on an official five-day visit to China from June 4-8 at the invitation of President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang, said Foreign Office on Friday.



The FO, in its statement, said that during his visit, the prime minister will meet President Xi and hold delegation-level talks with Premier Li in Beijing.

The premier's visit is a manifestation of the iron-clad Pakistan-China friendship characterised by frequent high-level exchanges and dialogue.

He will also hold meetings with chairman of standing committee of the National People's Congress, Zhao Leji, and heads of key government departments.

The two sides will undertake discussions to further strengthen the All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership, upgrade China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, advance trade and investment, enhance cooperation in security and defence, energy, space, science and technology, and education, and promote cultural cooperation and people-to-people contacts, thus setting the future trajectory of Pakistan-China friendship.

An important aspect of PM Shehbaz's visit will be meetings with corporate executives of leading Chinese companies dealing in oil and gas, energy, ICT, and emerging technologies, said the FO.

Earlier today, PM Shehbaz also chaired a meeting to review the preparations for his upcoming visit to China, wherein he directed the formulation of comprehensive plans to hold result-

oriented business-to-business meetings between the two countries.

He instructed the relevant authorities to devise strategies for attracting Chinese industries to set up their units in Pakistan, assuring his government's all-out facilitation to the industrialists and investors.

The delegation would hold meetings with the Chinese business community to promote business-to-business linkages between the two countries.

The prime minister directed Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi to extend all-out facilitation to the Pakistani business delegation during its visit there.—RT/Agency

Trump Found Guilty On All Charges In Hush Money Trial

WASHINGTON: Former President Donald Trump has been found guilty on all 34 counts in his New York criminal hush money trial, making him the first former US president to be convicted in the country's history.



The jury held deliberations for two days. The jury has set July 11 for his sentencing. New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan allowed him to remain free without any need for bail.

The case centred on allegations that he falsified business records to hide a hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels ahead of the 2016 presidential election.

Prosecutors initially alleged that the former president falsified the records to conceal unlawfully interfering in the 2016 presidential election through the \$130,000 hush money payment.

After the 12-member jury started deliberations on Wednesday, Donald Trump, while talking to the media, said, "Mother Teresa could not beat these charges. These charges are rigged. The whole country's a mess between the borders and fake

elections and you have a trial like this where the judge is so conflicted he can't breathe." The 77-year-old said: "It's a disgrace. And I mean that. Mother Teresa could not beat those charges. But we'll see. We'll see how we do."

According to strategists, quoted by The Hill, said: "It is to Trump's benefit to create a narrative that the case is stacked against him, lowering the bar in the event he is convicted or allowing him to declare victory against a rigged system in the event he is found not guilty." "So I'll stay around here. This is five weeks and five weeks of really essentially not campaigning, although I took a big lead in the polls over the last few weeks," he said. "Something is going on. Because I think the people of this country see that this is a rigged deal."—RT/Agency

THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: Funeral prayers of the victims of a big gas explosion were offered at the Paretabad Eidgah in Hyderabad. An explosion in a gas cylinder shop in Hyderabad's Paretabad area claimed the lives of seven people and left at least 52 others injured, six of whom are in critical condition.-RT

Chehlum of Late Muhammad Hashim Bughio observed



By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: The Chehlum of the Bughio community notable named Late Raees Ghulam Hashim Bughio, Saj-Jilani alias Muhammad Hashim Bughio was observed in village Jhonjhan on Saturday. The elder son of Late Muhammad Hashim Bughio, named Raees Fida Hussain alias Ahmed Khan Bughio was nominated as the chieftain of the community. On the occasion, MNA Nazir Ahmed Bughio, Saj-Jilani alias Muhammad Hashim Bughio, Barrister Murtaza Khan Bughio, Dr Allah Rakhio Bughio and others were also present.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Kohistan are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad press club against their area's land grabbers.-RT

13 succumb to burn injuries after Hyderabad gas cylinder blast

—CM Murad enquires about health of victims

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The incident involved a gas cylinder blast in a shop around 5:45 in Hyderabad. This caused a fire that quickly spread to the upper floor and adjacent buildings, resulting in significant burns for 50 people, including men, women, and children. Out of these, approximately 35 victims were seriously injured and were transferred via Sindh Integrated Emergency & Health Services (SIEHS 1122) ambulances to Karachi Patel Hospital and Civil Hospital Burn Wards, while the remaining 20 victims were taken to nearby health facilities in Hyderabad. Brigadier Tarique Quadir Lakhia, the Chief Executive Officer of SIEHS 1122, promptly directed the operation and command and control to align ambulances and paramedic staff for the incident. Thirty-five ambulances from Hyderabad, Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, and Sujawal districts were deployed to the location to assist the victims. Of the 51 victims, 35 seriously injured individuals were transported to Karachi Civil and Patel Hospitals through SIEHS 1122 Ambulances, where they are currently under treatment. Commissioner Hyderabad Ahsan Ali Qureshi and DIG Hyderabad took notice of the incident and directed the Deputy Commissioner and SSP Hyderabad to visit the location and inquire about the victims. They also announced the formation of an inquiry committee to



investigate the incident, with the report to be submitted to the Chief Minister of Sindh. Upon the victims' arrival at Patel Hospital and Civil Hospital Karachi, Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah and his cabinet visited the hospitals to inquire about the victims' health conditions. The CM emphasized the need for doctors to be vigilant and provide the best care to the victims. Tragically, one victim died en route to Karachi, and six others passed away in Patel Hospital and Civil Hospital Karachi. Their bodies were transported via SIEHS 1122 Mortuary Vans to Hyderabad. Additionally, six more victims succumbed to their injuries at

Hilal Ahmar Hospital Hyderabad. A collective funeral prayer was held for the deceased, and they were buried at Pretabad Graveyard, Tando Yousuf Graveyard, Sattar Shah Graveyard and Muslim Town Graveyard in Hyderabad city. Commissioner Hyderabad Ahsan Ali Qureshi, DIG Hyderabad Tarique Dharejo, Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abdin Nasir Hussain, MPA, Mayor Hyderabad Kasif Shoro, and other social, political, and religious figures participated in the funeral prayer. The explosion occurred in a cylinder shop located in Pretabad Hyderabad, which supplied gas to local residential areas.

Tando Allahyar brothel operating with impunity

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The residents of the area reported to the media that a brothel has been operating for quite some time in the street next to Bilal Flour Mill at Chamber Naka in Tando Allahyar. The local residents informed that the brothel has been running

for a long time, and despite repeatedly informing the relevant authorities, no action has been taken so far. The area and the street are home to respectable families who have been living there for many years. Every day, new young men come, fulfill their desires, and leave causing distress and fear among the entire neighborhood. The residents have appealed to Deputy Commissioner Tando Allahyar, Saleemullah Odho and SSP Abrez Abbasi to shut down this brothel to protect the youth from this immoral establishment. They warned that if the authorities do not take action, they will stage a sit-in at Chamber Naka until the brothel is closed.

Growers decry shortage of water in Nabisar Subdivision



By MM Faisal

KUNRI: In response to the severe shortage of agricultural water in the irrigation subdivision of Nabisar, hundreds of residents from the Kunri Canal tail-end area, led by Nazir Muhammad Chandio and Bahadur Khan Chando, organized a protest rally starting from Mir Mori. The demonstrators marched to American Chowk, where they staged a sit-in, blocking traffic from various cities. The protesters, holding placards and banners, chanted slogans against the irrigation staff, accusing them of corruption and mismanagement. The protesters highlighted that corrupt irrigation officials and influential large farmers were depriving tail-end areas of essential agricultural water. This severe shortage has prevented them from cultivating Kharif crops, and both humans and livestock are suffering from a lack of drinking water. The demonstrators demanded immediate intervention from senior officers of the Irrigation Department, urging them to address the water distribution issues. They warned that if their demands are not met, the scope of the protest would be expanded.

HESCO continues its operation for reducing circular debt and improving its facilities

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The HESCO authorities on orders of the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Chief Executive Officer, Muhammad Roshan Otho, aimed at reducing circular debt and enhancing recovery efforts to improve electricity provision across the region. The anti-theft recovery campaign has intensified, resulting in actions against electricity thieves and offenders without discrimination. Over 67,000 individuals have been found involved in electricity theft, with over 58,000 cases filed and more than 214 electricity thieves arrested, leading to recovery exceeding 12 billion rupees. Under the supervision of Muhammad Roshan Otho, HESCO's anti-electricity theft campaign continues successfully. During the past twenty-four hours, 485 connections were caught across

the region, leading to FIRs being filed against 463 of them. Furthermore, 10 commercial, 1 industrial, and 474 domestic connections were severed, with 237,173 units charged in detection bills amounting to 5,777,012 rupees. The campaign against electricity theft is being pursued vigorously, with directives to continue until complete eradication is achieved. Operations have led to the recovery of over 12 billion rupees from over 67,000 individuals involved in electricity theft. Additionally, 214 offenders have been arrested, while one employee has been dismissed, three others arrested, and 44 suspended. The operation aims to ensure 100% recovery against offenders, with instructions to continue operations until the complete eradication of electricity theft. Moreover, new connections are being facilitated, and any issues regarding electricity bills can be resolved by contacting the customer service centers. The campaign against electricity theft will persist until its complete eradication, with strict adherence to safety protocols. The Chief Executive Officer of HESCO appealed to consumers to fulfill their obligations promptly to ensure uninterrupted electricity transmission. He emphasizes that electricity theft is both a legal and moral offense, with offenders liable to face legal consequences, including FIR registration and prosecution. In summary, the directives emphasize the intensification of efforts to combat electricity theft, ensuring recovery, and facilitating new connections while underscoring the legal and ethical implications of electricity theft and the need for collective cooperation in eradicating it.

SPARK holds meeting on rights of brick kiln laborers

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A non-government organization organized an introductory meeting in Umerkot about the lives of brick kiln workers, providing them with legal knowledge, fulfilling legal requirements, and pursuing legal avenues with government officials. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Labor Department, Health Department, Education Department, 15 Police Helpline In-charge, Umerkot City SHO Syed Altaf Shah, Local Council Officer Umerkot Haresh Kumar Khatri, and representatives from the Bar Association, including Advocate Sharif Bheel, Advocate Islamuddin Rahmon, Advocate Sobdar Khan Khoso, and other civil society representatives. They mentioned that the SSP Office in Umerkot has a Bonded Labor and Child Labor Complaint Cell for the rehabilitation and liaison of laborers. Brick kiln workers should contact the police officers present in this cell and bring their issues in writing so that these problems can be resolved. SPARK, a research organization, works across the country to ensure the rights of brick kiln workers. According to their survey, there are approximately 65 brick kilns in Umerkot district, none of which are registered. SPARK's District Manager, Asif Bajir, stated that there are institutions available in the district to register brick



kilns. It is essential to register these kilns with the Labor Department and the Environment Department to provide basic facilities to the workers. Former Bar Association member Sobdar Khan Khoso said that the rehabilitation of freed laborers under Section 491 should be ensured, and existing laws should be implemented. The Labor Policy of 2002 should be amended to develop a comprehensive policy to improve their lives. Rano Mal Malhi, the Secondary Schools Officer of Umerkot Taluka, emphasized the need to educate the children of brick kiln workers and run awareness campaigns to enroll out-of-school children. Umerkot City's Senior Police Officer SHO Syed Altaf Shah suggested conducting a survey to determine the number of brick kilns in the district, the number of families working there, and the number of children engaged in labor. Collecting basic information about brick kiln workers across the district is crucial. Finally, several points were discussed activating the vigilance committee formed to eliminate forced labor, ensuring the protection and accurate record-keeping of brick kiln workers' issues, establishing non-formal education centers for the education of children working at the kilns, arranging identity cards for brick kiln workers, providing birth certificates (B-Forms) for their children, installing water pumps for clean drinking water, and organizing medical camps based on needs to address various diseases. SPARK monitoring officer Wajid Jagirani, Fahmida Chachar, Syed Yawar Shah, and others also participated in the meeting.

Four of a family killed in Kashmore's Bhangwar community clash

By Aftab Bhatti

KASHMORE: In the jurisdiction of Bakhshapur Police Station, armed individuals on motorcycles indiscriminately fired at a car at the Indus Chikko Phatak, killing four members of the same family, including two brothers. Upon receiving the information, the police arrived at the scene and shifted the injured person and the bodies to the hospital. According to initial police information, the incident occurred due to an old feud between two groups of the Bhangwar community, which had started a few years ago over a marriage dispute. The victims include two brothers, Shaban, Shaukat, Shabbir Ahmed, and Majid Ali Bhangwar. The relatives of the victims placed the bodies on the Indus Highway and staged a protest, blocking the road to demand the immediate arrest of the culprits. The closure of the scene and shifted the injured person and the bodies to the hospital. Punjab, and Balochistan, causing long lines of vehicles. Travelers faced difficulties due to the intense heat.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Channel Mori are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad Press Club against the influential people of their area.-RT



HYDERABAD: President of PTI Sindh Haleem Adil Shaikh is addressing a press conference at Ghuman House.-RT

METRO KARACHI

TDAP And REMIT Hold Training For Women Entrepreneurs



KARACHI: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and Revenue Mobilization, Investment, and Trade (REMIT) organized a two-day training session on "Business Documentation, Taxation, and Accounting" for women entrepreneurs. Held on May 29-30, 2024, in Multan, the program aimed to empower women entrepreneurs and foster economic growth.

Key speakers included Mr. Hamid Yaqoob Sheikh, Team Lead at REMIT, who provided guidance on taxation and accounting, and Dr. Shumaila Sikandar, TDAP Focal for Women Entrepreneurs, who highlighted TDAP's support initiatives. Mr. Faiz Ahmad, REMIT Consultant, covered business and accounting concepts, and Mr. Akbar Mayo, REMIT Tax Advisor, explained Pakistan's tax system and compliance complexities.

The seminar offered interactive sessions and practical exercises on financial management, helping attendees

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Thatta youth kills his sister and cousin

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: A tragic incident unfolded overnight in the village of Ali Bahar, situated along the national highway, where a young man allegedly committed a double homicide stemming from an old feud. According to reports, Hanif Soomro armed himself with a gun intending to kill his cousin. During the confrontation, his sister Aminat tried to intervene and snatch the gun, resulting in an accidental discharge that instantly killed

Portions of school's roof collapse in Pithoro

By M Ismail Khilji

PITHORO: The portion of the roof of the Government Primary School Ruhail Khan Marri suddenly collapsed, but miraculously, the students remained safe. The village's notable figure, Councillor Gulsher Marri, expressed that the school has not undergone any repairs for many years, causing the roof to become dilapidated. The roof panels of the school are falling apart. Over 120 children are studying in the school, which also suffers from the village's notable figure, Councillor Gulsher Marri, windows and doors have deteriorated. Despite repeated

Jl rallies against Muslim genocide in Occupied Palestine

By Azhar Kubar

SETHARJA: In support of the Muslims of Palestine, an anti-Israel protest rally was led by Jamaat-e-Islami's Central Deputy General Secretary Mumtaz Hussain Sehto, Talib Hussain Sehto, Ali Gulab Lund, Du Muhammad Khakheli, Muhammad Akram Haji, and Raja Sehto. The rally started from the city's Shahi Bazaar and concluded at the Press Club. Addressing the rally, the leaders stated that Israel is committing atrocities against the people of Palestine and the world's silence on this issue is questionable. They expressed solidarity with the people of Palestine, saying that they stand with them in all circumstances. They condemned the killing of innocent Palestinian children and the genocide being carried out to expand Jewish settlements. The leaders also condemned the killing of Palestinian youth, elders, and women under Israeli tanks. They emphasized the need for the Muslim Ummah to awaken globally and unite to raise a strong voice against the increasing Jewish aggression.

Four injured in Pithoro's Magsi community clash

By M Ismail Khilji

PITHORO: Near Pithoro, in the village of Yar Muhammad Magsi, a conflict broke out between two groups of the Magsi community. The altercation involved the use of sticks and axes, resulting in serious injuries to four individuals. The injured include Muhammad Ramzan, son of Arbab, Sabir Ali, son of Muhammad Ramzan, Muhammad Nawaz, son of Muhammad Ramzan Magsi and Khalid, son of Mir Muhammad. The injured were taken to Taluka Hospital in Pithoro, and two of them were subsequently referred to Hyderabad for further treatment.

Larkana woman dies under mysterious circumstances

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: During a wedding celebration in Safdar Colony of Larkana city, a mysterious incident occurred resulting in the tragic death of Iram S/o Sabir Shaikh. Upon receiving information, the heirs of the deceased reported the matter to the police, who then shifted the body to CMC Hospital for further investigation. The brother of the deceased girl demanded enquiry into the death of sister by terming it a murder. The body of the deceased was handed over to her heirs after completing necessary medico legal formalities.

Prize distribution ceremony held at TCF School in Keti Bandar

By Sajid Janyaro

KETI BANDAR: The TCF School Baghan's Qasim Noorani Campus-I was filled with applause and pride as it hosted its annual prize distribution ceremony. This event celebrated academic excellence and extracurricular achievements, highlighting the outstanding students who excelled in the annual examinations. Principal Nahid, who led the ceremony, extended heartfelt congratulations to all the high-achieving students across different classes, with special mention to Kashif Ali Janyaro for his outstanding accomplishment.

Nasir Shah Announces Solarization Of 172 Public Sector Buildings

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Nasir Shah unveiled plans to solarize 172 public sector buildings in three phases, providing a total of 47MW of electricity. The initiative, discussed during a meeting with a World Bank delegation, aims to accelerate solar energy adoption in the region. Shah emphasized the project's alignment with the PPP manifesto for free electricity and ongoing efforts to prioritize energy access for low-income consumers. The delegation expressed satisfaction with the project's progress and pledged full cooperation.—RT

Former FPCCI Senior VP Hanif Gohar Calls For Government Action On Rising Inflation

KARACHI: Muhammad Hanif Gohar, former FPCCI Senior VP, emphasized the urgent need for government intervention to curb rising inflation. Gohar highlighted the challenges faced by the poor due to the economic downturn, stressing the importance of ensuring basic necessities for all citizens. He urged political leaders to prioritize economic stability and collaborate with the private sector to address the crisis effectively. Gohar's remarks came during a media interaction at Hazara University, where he emphasized the role of education in empowering underprivileged communities. He also underscored the significance of preserving the dignity of the electorate and providing equal opportunities for all. Gohar highlighted the success stories of SOS Children's Village, emphasizing the transformative impact of education on marginalized youth.—RT

Shahdadpur Police arrest two criminals

SHAHDADPUR: In a police operation against drug dealers, Gulsher Kaloi was arrested in village Bahadur Kaloi for possession of narcotics. 100 grams of hashish were seized from his possession during the raid. Additionally, another man named Imran Rajput was also arrested by the police after recovering 90 packets of Gutka from his possession. The cases have been registered by the police against the arrested men.

FPCCI Urges For Immediate Utilization Of Cheap Wind Powered Electricity

KARACHI: Atif Ikram Sheikh, President of FPCCI, calls for the full utilization of electricity from 12 operational wind power projects, generating at a cost of PKR 14.5 per unit. This aligns with existing energy policies and agreements. Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, FPCCI's SVP, highlights the need to dispatch this cheap electricity to K-Electric's network, utilizing available transmission infrastructure and preventing wastage. Asif Inam, VP FPCCI & Chairman APTEMA, expresses concern over load shedding amid summer heat and urges against curtailments on wind power plants. Fawad Jawed, Convener of FPCCI's Central Standing Committee on Renewable Energy, emphasizes the impact of curtailments on long-term financial viability and the foreign investment in renewable energy projects.—RT

Journalist, poet Fayaz Chand Kaleri passes away

By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: The former Joint Secretary of the Nawabshah Press Club and poet, Fayaz Chand Kaleri passed away at PMU Hospital at 85 years on Friday. The body of the deceased was laid to rest at his family's ancestral graveyard after performing his funeral prayers in Taj Colony. The journalists, civil society leaders and a large number of people belonging to different walks of life attended the funeral prayers.

Pithoro youth ends his life

By M Ismail Khilji

PITHORO: Muhammad Ali Rahmoon, an 18-year-old resident of Doronaro, tragically drowned in Thar Wah on Saturday. The body of the deceased was fished out by the local divers which was handed over to his heirs after completing necessary medico legal formalities from a local area hospital.

REGIONAL TIMES NATIONAL

Balochistan's Home Minister Announces Arrest Of Two Suspects In Gwadar Killings

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister Zia Ullah Langau on Friday announced that two suspects linked to the attack on the barbershop workers in Gwadar had been arrested. "I congratulate all our institutions who fulfilled their responsibility and the government's orders with their efforts and we have arrested two killers of the Gwadar labourers," Langau said while addressing a press conference in Quetta. As per the statements taken from the suspects, the minister said, they were given orders to kill any Punjabi labourer. He further stated that guns and weapons had been seized from the arrested suspects.—RT/Agency

14-year-old Larkana boy drowns in Rice Canal

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A 14-year-old boy named Wasim S/o Shaman Ali Memon drowned in the Rice Canal while taking bath in it on Friday. The boy was rushed to the CMC Hospital in unconscious condition, where the doctors confirmed his death. The body of the deceased was handed over to his heirs for burial.



MALIR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MDA/MPD/DEH-526/2023/144

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FORWARDING OF LAYOUT PLAN OF LAND MEASURING 19-12 ACRES, 55-07 ACRES AND 08-00 ACRES TOTAL AREA OF 82-19 ACRES FROM SURVEY NOS. 19(19-12), 16(22-23), 18(23-21), 17(09-03), AND 387(08-00) OF DEH ALLAH PIAHI, TALUKA SHAH MUREED, DISTRICT MALIR, KARACHI.

It is hereby informed to the General Public that Additional Deputy Commissioner - I, District Malir, Karachi has confirmed and forwarded the ownership title of Land Measuring 19-12 Acres, 55-07 Acres and 08-00 Acres Total Area of 82-19 Acres from Survey Nos. 19(19-12), 16(22-23), 18(23-21), 17(09-03), and 387(08-00) of Deh Allah Pihai, Taluka Shah Mureed, District Malir, Karachi to the Director General MDA, in favour of Syed Muhammad Asif Sultan S/o Abdul Ghafoor (Share 0-12%) Holding CNIC No. 42301-5974370-1 R/o H. No. A-80 Block-A, KDA Officers Society Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi & 7 others 2- Iftikhar-ul-Haq M. Shahid s/o Abdul Ghafoor (share 0-24%) 3- Uzair Shahid Iftikhar-ul-Haq (Share 0-12%) 4- Umar Shahid s/o Iftikhar-ul-Haq (Share 0-12%) 5- Zubair Shahid s/o Iftikhar-ul-Haq (Share 0-12%), 6- Umar Shahid s/o Iftikhar-ul-Haq M. Shahid (Share 0-10%), 7- Abbas Ali Rang Wala s/o Sabir Hussain (Share 0-10), 8- Syed M. Kashif s/o Abdul Ghafoor (Share 0-8%) and Survey No. 387 (08-00) which are shown entered in the name of Shujat Nabi Khan sherwani s/o Kafayat Nabi Khan Sherwani who has appointed 1- Syed M. Asif Sultan s/o Abdul Ghafoor. 2- Uzair Shahid Iftikhar-ul-Haq his GPOA vide his letter No. DC/Malir/K/Rev.B/1414/2023 dated: 12-07-2023 along with The Mukhtar, Taluka Shah Mureed, District Malir, Karachi letter No. Mukh/S/Malir/K/265/2023, dated: 07-07-2023 duly forwarded by 1- The Assistant Commissioner, Sub-Division Shah Mureed, District Malir, Karachi. Letter No. AC/S/Malir/K/552/2023, Dated: 10-07-2023, for approval of layout plan from planning point of view only.

In this regard, Public Notice Published in the light of Malir Development Authority (MDA) Act 1993-94 & (Revival & Amending) Act-2013 & KBTPR-2002 (Amended up to date) and Malir Development Authority Town Planning Regulations-2015 of Clause No. 15-5-2 that any concerned person(s) / organization(s) having any objection(s) may submit their objection(s) directly to the Director General, MDA, Director (Estate & Enforcement) or Director, Town Planning Department, MDA having office at G-4/B, Block-17, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi Phone # 021 99239120, 021-99244762 respectively within 07 working days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Any objection(s) received after expiry date shall not be entertained.

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Hyderabad's civic nightmare exposed!

The recent cylinder blast in Hyderabad's Paretabad area, which tragically claimed seven lives, including five children, is a grim reminder of the pervasive safety issues surrounding the unregulated use of gas cylinders in Pakistan. This incident, which left many others wounded and caused widespread panic, underscores the dire consequences of inadequate civic amenities and lax regulatory oversight.

Despite Mayor Kashif Shoro's vow to crack down on illegal LNG businesses, the incident highlights a deeper, systemic problem. The explosion's aftermath—marked by the late arrival of firefighters and the need to transfer critically injured victims to Karachi—exposes the city's unpreparedness for such emergencies. The residents' anger over the delayed response from emergency services is justified and reflects broader frustrations with the

city's infrastructure. In Hyderabad and many other urban centers across Pakistan, citizens are often forced to improvise due to



the lack of reliable gas supply. This reliance on illegally operated LPG refilling shops is a dangerous improvisation, born out of necessity rather than choice. The tragic incident in Paretabad is not an isolated case but a symptom of a larger issue that plagues the nation. The government's failure to provide basic utilities safely and reliably drives people to seek alternative, often unsafe, solutions.

The mayor's actions to seal illegal cylinder shops are a necessary step, but they address only the symptoms rather than the root cause. For meaningful change, there must be a comprehensive overhaul of the gas supply infrastructure and stricter enforcement of safety regulations. This tragedy should serve as a wake-up call for authorities to prioritize the development of safe, reliable utility services and to ensure that no family has to suffer such a loss again.

In modern-day Pakistan, where civic amenities should be a given, the reality is starkly different. The words "modern-day" ring hollow when basic safety cannot be assured, and citizens are left to fend for themselves in a hazardous environment. This tragedy is a call to action for both local and national authorities to bridge this gap urgently.

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THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: A fire broke out due to an electric short circuit at a cloth shop in the Resham Bazaar area of the city.-RT

Tando Adam Police arrest 11 gamblers



By Mumtaz Ali

TANDO ADAM: On the directives of the IGP Sindh, a task force was formed to combat drug trafficking and social vices. In Sanghar district, under the supervision of DSP Tando Adam Muhammad Moosa Abro and SHO City Ghulam Shabbir Dilwani, the city police conducted raids in various areas. These raids led to the arrest of 11 gamblers, identified as Imdad Mangnehar, Shahid Rajput, Zohaib Khaskheli, Waheed Jatoi, Allah Bux, Shabbir Shaikh, Saleem Baloch, Haider Chandrigar, Kamran Ghouri, Sainad Mangrio, and Altaf Khaskheli. They were apprehended on charges of running illegal gambling operations. The police seized Rs 40,000 in cash, 103 gaming slips, booking bill books, 10 mobile phones, and other related items from the suspects. Cases have been registered against all the detainees at the City Police Station. Meanwhile, the police's action against illegal gambling has been positively received by the community. Civic leaders have praised the initiative but emphasized that the main dealers should not be given any leniency. They demand that all involved in gambling and other social vices be arrested and brought to justice to eradicate these issues from society.



HYDERABAD: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan MPA, Waseem Hussain along with other party leaders is addressing a press conference at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

Sindh Ministers Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar, Zulfiqar Ali Shah inaugurate 56th Mango festival in Mirpurkhas

By Narain Das
MIRPURKHAS: Provincial Minister of Agriculture Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar, along with Provincial Minister of Culture Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, officially inaugurated the 56th Mango Festival by cutting the ribbon. PPP Sindh President Nisar Khuro, Chairman of the District Council Mirpurkhas Anwar Ali Talpur, Mayor Abdul Rauf Ghori, Secretary of Agriculture Rafiq Ahmed Burro, Divisional Commissioner Mirpurkhas Faisal Ahmed Uqaili, Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas Dr. Rashid Masood Khan, Chairman of the Mango Festival Management Committee Anif Khan Bhurgari, and other members, as well as Director General of Culture Manzoor Ali Mahesar, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture Univer-

sity Tando Jam Professor Dr. Fateh Muhammad Mari and a large number of common people participated. Speaking to the media on this occasion, Provincial Minister of Agriculture Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar said that the Sindhri mango of Mirpurkhas is famous all over the world, which is why the mango exhibition is held in Mirpurkhas every year. He said that the Department of Agriculture of Sindh has initiated revolutionary plans for the welfare of farmers and landowners associated with the agricultural sector, which is considered the backbone of the country's economy. He mentioned that the Department of Agriculture is making every possible effort to export agricultural products according to international standards, so that national revenue can increase.

Provincial Minister of Agriculture Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar stated that the Department of Agriculture is working to improve the standards of exports. He added that boosting exports can overcome challenges and difficulties, enhancing the export sector. On this occasion, Commissioner Mirpurkhas Faisal Ahmed Uqaili said that the mango festival would increase the export of mangoes from Mirpurkhas, making it possible to reach international markets. Therefore, it is necessary for the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation, and farmers to work together. In the 56th Mango Festival, more than 200 varieties of mangoes and 50 farmers from different districts set up their stalls. Additionally, the Department of Culture set up 25 stalls showcasing various handicrafts.

DC Badin Yasir Bhatti launches anti-polio campaign



By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Deputy Commissioner Badin, Yasir Bhatti launched the anti-polio campaign by administering polio drops to children at Civil Hospital Badin. A rally was also organized from the civil hospital to the main road. Addressing the rally, Deputy Commissioner Bhatti emphasized the importance of raising awareness about the epidemic disease like polio. He urged the media and civil society to play their roles in which prompted the Samu. Dr. Sarfraz, success of this campaign by informing the public to cooperate fully with polio teams and ensure their children receive the polio vaccine. He stressed the collective effort needed to eradicate polio and save future generations from permanent disability, encouraging everyone to contribute to the fight against polio. Following the rally, Deputy Commissioner Bhatti visited the OPD of Civil Hospital Badin, overseen by the Indus Administration. During the visit, a patient presented a prescription written by a doctor, which prompted the Deputy Commissioner to express his anger. He along with leaders of social organizations and many citizens.

UC Chairman Sher Dil Zahid Khan Phulpoto helps blind Khairpur man on MNA Dr Nafisa Shah's directives

By Naeem Shaikh
KHAIRPUR: Under the guidance of former Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jilani, and MNA Dr. Nafisa Shah Jilani, the Chairman of Union Council Shah Bhanyo, Sher Dil Zahid Khan Phulpoto, provided financial assistance to the blind man Muhammad Murad Phulpoto. Muhammad Murad, who has been suffering from a severe kidney disease and had been admitted to Civil Hospital for 25 days, received aid from the Chairman. On this occasion,



provided by Zahid Khan Phulpoto, who assured that helping the poor and needy of his union council irrespective of their community, is his foremost duty.

District Council Chairman Dadu Syed Muhammad Shah provides financial assistance to fire victims



By Javed Laghari

DADU: The Chairman of the District Council Dadu, Syed Muhammad Shah after taking notice of the fire incident provided financial assistance to the family of the deceased laborer Khadim Hussain Chandio and assured all possible help to the fire victims. Two days ago, the homes of four laborers from the Chandio community were suddenly engulfed in flames. As a result, the victims lost all their belongings. In the fire, 30-year-old Khadim Hussain Chandio was severely injured. He was taken to Hyderabad Hospital for treatment in critical condition, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Jidojehad Action Committee and Thul's journalists demand justice for Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani

By Khair Muhammad Golo



THUL: Jidojehad Action Committee and the Taluka Press Club organized a protest and sit-in demanding the arrest of the killers of Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani, a journalist from Mirpur Mathelo. The protesters blocked the road and staged a sit-in in front of the press club, chanting slogans and demanding justice. Speaking to the media, leaders including Anif Karim Mughal, Jamal Josh Burro, Majeed Noonari, Muhammad Bakhs Brohi, Mansoor Kunrani, Ajiaz Kunrani, Liaquat Sarki, Mir

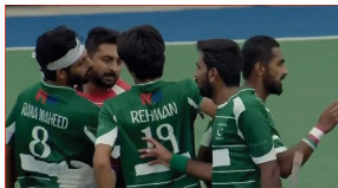
Hassan Burro, Khawand Irfan Karim Mughal, Khair Muhammad Golo, Muhammad Moosa Sarki, and Zafar Lashari stated that Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani was martyred for writing the truth. They emphasized that north-

em Sindh has become unsafe for journalists, who are being openly killed. Despite ten days having passed since the incident, Gadani's killers have not been arrested. They warned that their protest would continue until the culprits are brought to justice.

SPORTS



FIH Nations Cup: Pakistan snatch draw with last-minute goal against Malaysia



In a remarkable comeback, Malaysia on Friday averted defeat with a last-minute goal against Malaysia in their opening match of the FIH Nations Cup in Gniezno, Poland.

The match ended in a 4-4 draw despite the fact that Malaysia had a 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

Fitr Saari, Abu Kamal, and Faizal Saari scored within the first 11 minutes of the match after taking advantage of some poor defending by Pakistan.

However, Abdul Rehman opened Pakistan's account in the third quarter to keep his side's hopes alive in the game.

But Saari scored another through a penalty stroke to once again extend Malaysia's lead to three goals.

Despite the odds stacked against them, Pakistan team didn't lose hope and kept on

West Indies thump Australia in T20 World Cup warm-up run-fest

PORT OF SPAIN: Nicholas Pooran and Rovman Powell scored swashbuckling half-centuries and lifted West Indies to down Australia in a high-scoring ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 warm-up match here on Thursday.

Put into bat first, West Indies racked up a mammoth total of 257/4 with Pooran and Powell leading the attack.

The hosts got off to a briefly flying start to their innings as they lost Shai Hope in the third over with 38 runs on the board. Hope scored 14 off eight deliveries.



Wicketkeeper batter Pooran then joined Johnson Charles in the middle and launched a belligerent attack on the Australian bowlers.

Pooran smashed five fours and eight sixes on his way to an astonishing 75-run knock from 25 deliveries before being dismissed by Adam Zampa in the 10th over.

Charles was then involved in another partnership for the West Indies when he added 48 runs for the third wicket with skipper Rovman Powell before finally perishing in the 14th over.

The opening batter scored an anchoring 40 off 31 deliveries with the help of five fours.

Powell was quick to follow as he perished in the 16th over soon after bringing up his quickfire half-century.

He scored 52 off 25 balls with the help of eight boundaries including four sixes.

Sherfane Rutherford then took the reigns of West Indies' batting charge with a blistering cameo and scored an unbeaten 47 off 18 balls, bolstering the home team's total past the 250-run mark in the allotted overs.

Adam Zampa bagged two wickets for Australia but was expensive while Ashton Agar and Tim David made one scalp each.

In response, Australia finished at 222/7 despite a brisk half-century from Josh Inglis.

The right-handed batter top-scored for Australia with a 50-ball 55 with the help of five fours and four sixes while batting at No. 4.

Besides him, Nathan Ellis (38), Ashton Agar (28), Tim David and Matthew Wade (25) made notable contributions for the former champions but their efforts were not enough to steer them over the line.—Agency

Shoaib Malik boosts Pakistan's 'morale' ahead of T20 World Cup



Malik came out in support of the Pakistan Men's cricket team after their 2-0 series defeat against England just ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

Taking to X, formerly Twitter, Malik termed the England series a tough one but highlighted how the national team dealt with similar situations in the past.

"Tough series! Remember: we've been in tough spots before & came out stronger," Shoaib wrote.

He then offered a piece of advice to Pakistan's white-ball captain Babar Azam and wicketkeeper Shadab Khan, who have been struggling to find the rhythm.

"The former captain also threw his weight behind all-rounder Shadab Khan and young wicketkeeper batter Azam Khan, who have been struggling to find the rhythm.

"Azam and Shadab, you two are vital for our team, don't lose confidence, play with heart, you are match winners. Going into the World Cup, keep your morale high, we've got this," he concluded.

Notably, Shoaib Malik's statement came minutes after Pakistan succumbed to a 2-0 series defeat against England as they suffered a seven-wicket defeat against England in the fourth T20I at Kennington Oval, London.

The four-match series against England was Pakistan's final opportunity to gear up for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 as the 2009 champions missed the year's mega event.—Agency

Babar, Rizwan become most successful pair in T20s

LONDON: Pakistan captain Babar Azam and wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan on Thursday, became the most successful pair in the history of T20 cricket.

Babar and Rizwan, who are considered one of the greatest pairs of the format, became the first to score 24 50+ scores in the shorter format, 10 out of which were converted into century partnerships.

The fourth T20I between Pakistan and England marked the return of Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan as the opening pair.

The decorated opening pair did justice to their legacy and provided Pakistan with a solid start with



a brisk 59-run partnership. Their opening partnership against England saw them surpass the likes of Chris Gayle and Virat Kohli, who had 23 fifty-plus scores for the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).

Babar and Rizwan now have 3,227 runs as a pair in T20s and are only behind Kohli and AB de Villiers, who scored 3,175 runs as a duo for the RCB.

Earlier, Pakistan captain Babar Azam became only the second batter to complete 4000 runs in T20s.

Babar achieved the landmark in the fourth T20I against England in the aforementioned fixture. He joined India's batting star Virat Kohli on the elusive list, who has 4,037 runs in the shortest international format.

The right-handed batter scored a blistering 36 off 22 with the help of five fours and a six.

Most runs in T20Is: Virat Kohli - 4,037; Babar Azam - 4,023; Rohit Sharma - 3,974; Paul Stirling - 3,589.

Furthermore, Babar also became the first captain to score 2,500 runs in the format.—Agency

Robin Uthappa believes Ireland can upset Pakistan in T20 World Cup



Former Indian cricketer Robin Uthappa predicted that Ireland would upset Pakistan in the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

The Pakistan Men's cricket team has been struggling to get on the winning track ahead of this year's mega event.

The Green Shirts played three bilateral T20I series in a bid to prepare for the T20 World Cup 2024 but could not produce the desired results.

The former champions played out a 2-2 draw against an inexperienced New Zealand side in a five-match home series before registering a 2-1 away series win over Ireland.

In their last assignment before the World Cup, Pakistan succumbed to a 2-0 defeat in the four-match away series against England.

Uthappa then went on to claim that Ireland would be the most likely side to upset Pakistan, highlighting their strong batting and bowling department.

"If you look at the batting order, I think it looks quite strong in itself," said Robin Uthappa.—Agency

Babar Azam claims multiple records in T20 Internationals

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During the ongoing T20I against England, Babar



also became the first captain to score 2,500 runs in the format.

Earlier, England captain Jos Buttler won the coin toss and put Pakistan into bat first.

With young left-handed opener Saim Ayub dropped, Pakistan captain Babar Azam and wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan opened the innings for the touring side.

The decorated opening pair provided a solid start to Pakistan, adding 59 runs for the first wicket before Babar fell victim to Jofra Archer on the final delivery of the batting powerplay.

Babar smashed five fours and a six on his way to a 22-ball 36.

Rizwan was quick to follow as he was cleaned up by Adil Rashid in the next over. He scored 23 off 16 deliveries with the help of three boundaries.

Coming as Saim Ayub's replacement, Usman Khan then put together a brief partnership with Fakhar Zaman, who fell in the ninth over after scoring a run-a-ball nine.

Pakistan then lost two more wickets in quick succession as Shadab Khan and Azam Khan both perished for ducks.—Agency

PAK vs ENG: Babar Azam blames middle-order for series loss



After an embarrassing 2-0 series loss against England, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam was not happy with the team's middle order and has blamed it for poor performance in the fourth and final game of series at the Oval on Thursday.

The captain's comment, just ahead of the T20I World Cup 2024, comes after the Men in Green were defeated by England by seven wickets.

England chased Pakistan's 158-run target in 15.3 overs for the loss of three wickets.

Babar, commenting on the performance in the post-match presentation ceremony, was happy with the way his team played with the bat during powerplay but the game took a turn when the innings began fluctuating in the middle overs.

"After six overs we were doing very well, but then I got out, the middle-order needs to step up," said the Pakistan captain.

Babar added that England's bowling is very good, so the Green Shirts had to take their chances.

"Need to sort out those things for the World Cup. A few injuries but a lot of positives, we played well in patches, but to win you need 100%," he said. On the other hand, netizens also lambasted the Green Shirts for their poor performance in the series. Earlier, Buttler asked Babar Azam and Co. to bat first. The visitors started the innings brilliantly with the opening duo of Babar and Mohammad Rizwan giving a flying start.—Agency

ENTERTAINMENT

Kate Middleton plans big move defying doctors' advice amid cancer



Kate, the Princess of Wales, is set to defy her doctors by planning a huge surprise for her fans and well-wishers amid cancer treatment.

According to Daily Mail, Kate Middleton is considering making a surprise appearance on the Buckingham Palace balcony at this year's Trooping the Colour, despite undergoing chemotherapy for an undisclosed form of cancer.

While she will not participate in the Colonel's Review on June 8, sources split to the publication that the mother-of-three may join other senior royals to watch the traditional RAF Flypast on June 15.

This comes after Kensington Palace revealed that the cancer-stricken Kate would not be able to join the royals at the rehearsal for this year's Trooping the Colour.

Kate has taken a step back from Royal duties to focus on her recovery after she was diagnosed of cancer, earlier this year.

Giving update on when the Princess would resume duties, a spokesperson for the Palace revealed that Kate Middleton "will return to official duties when she is cleared to do so by her medical team."

So far, only King Charles and Queen Camilla are confirmed to be present at this year's Trooping. However, Prince William, Princess Anne and Prince Edward are also expected to join the monarch.

Jessica Biel, Justin Timberlake's marriage takes a hit after Britney Spears memoir



Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake are going strong after the "NSYNC frontman's ex Britney Spears mentioned him in her bombshell memoir.

Justin and the Sinner actress, who shares sons, Silas, 9, and Phineas, 3, faced a fresh scandal last year when his ex Britney Spears released her explosive memoir The Woman In Me.

The Piece of Me hit-maker alleged that she had an abortion when she was with the Mirrors singer and that she wasn't the only one who cheated in their relationship.

The memoir reportedly "brought up more of Jessica's trust issues," with her husband.

"Nobody wants a divorce," the source added at the time. "Justin and Jessica have two great kids, and they'd love to make it work — it just may be too late."

Justin and Jessica, who tied the knot 14 years ago, have had their share of ups and downs, especially after the singer's 2019 scandal with the Palmer co-star Alissa Wainwright.

However, a tipster says the couple is stronger than ever following the scandals.

"There were some very trying times, but they put in the work and came out of it stronger than ever," the mole told Life & Style magazine.

The source said "Justin has proven himself," adding, "He's earned Jessica's trust and become a better man, husband and father."

Face of the Day



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Location: Karachi
About me: Modeling is my passion!

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THE HEARTLAND



Faith and modesty are intertwined: Dawat-e-Islami's Roshan Ali Attari

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: The Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) said that faith and modesty are intertwined; if one leaves, the other will also depart. The weaker the modesty, the weaker the faith, and if modesty is strong, faith will be equally strong. Therefore, we must never let go of modesty. This was stated by Dawat-e-Islami leader Roshan Ali Attari during the weekly gathering at Dawat-e-Islami's Madani Markaz Faizan-e-Madina in Sakrand. He said that, unfortunately, modesty is diminishing in society, especially due to the harmful



impact of social media and inappropriate websites on the internet. These influences are causing people, particularly the youth, to stray from the path of modesty. Roshan Ali Attari emphasized that to improve both our worldly and spiritual lives, we must firmly hold on to modesty, as it is the path to honor. He also mentioned that to strengthen faith and modesty, we need to learn Islamic principles, for which the environment provided by Dawat-e-Islami is an excellent platform. The gathering included notable personalities such as Taluka Incharge Hafiz Mukhtiar Ali Karami, Town Incharge Qari Furqan Ali Attari, Hafiz Shahid Nawaz Attari and many others.

Tribute paid to Hazrat Imam Ali Raza (AS) on his martyrdom day



By Dildar Samo

TANDO ADAM: A Majlis-e-Aza was held at Chakrani Imambarah Tando Adam to pay homage to Hazrat Imam Ali Raza (AS) on the occasion of his martyrdom. Amir Daimani, Hameer Ali Khan, and Ami Rahu recited elegies at the event. Renowned scholar Allama Jameel Hyder addressed the audience, where the famous Anjum Hussaini Faqir Sangat and Anjum Azakhana-e-Zahra (SA) paid tribute to the Holy Ahlul Bayt (AS).

MilKar Pakistan observes World No Tobacco Day at SALU

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: Today, to mark World No Tobacco Day, MilKar Pakistan, in collaboration with the Students' Societies Center at Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur, organized a one-day awareness seminar and rally. The event aimed to educate students and the community about the dangers of tobacco use and promote a tobacco-free lifestyle. Dr. Ali Raza Lashari, Incharge of the Students' Societies Center, welcomed the guests and explained the objectives of the event, emphasizing its importance in creating a healthy and drug-free environment. Distinguished speakers included Munir

Abid, Inspector of the Anti-Narcotics Force, Inspector Nazeer Ahmed, and Aqeel Ahmed from MDF. Munir Abid highlighted the pivotal role of youth in driving change and emphasized the importance of vigilance among them to prevent drug abuse. He urged parents to stay connected with their children, especially those in hostels, by maintaining regular communication with hostel authorities. Inspector Nazeer Ahmed engaged directly with students, addressing their queries and providing insights into drug-related issues. Aqeel Ahmed praised the university administration and student societies for organizing such an informative and impact-

Pakistan Youth Movement protests against excessive load shedding

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: In response to the unannounced load shedding and low voltage issues by HESCO WAPDA Subdivision Shahbaz administration in Kotri Site, leaders of the Pakistan Youth Movement, including Abdul Sattar Leghari, Nazir Baloch, Shahbaz Memon, Ghulam Murtaza Nohani, and Assad Chaudhry, led a protest demonstration outside the main gate of the HESCO WAPDA Subdivision. On this occasion, the leaders demanded from the SDO WAPDA Subdivision Shahbaz that, in addition to the unannounced sixteen-hour load shedding, the residents



of Kotri Site are forced to live in distress due to the eight hours of low voltage electricity they receive out of twenty-four hours. The protesters further stated that today, peacefully protesting in front of the main gate of HESCO WAPDA Subdivision Shahbaz, they demand that if the

Jamaat-e-Islami rallies for protection of Palestinians' lives

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A rally organized by Jamaat-e-Islami proceeded from Masjid Aqsa Haddad Road to the Badin Press Club/Twan Journalism to show solidarity with the Palestinian brothers. A large number of citizens participated in the rally, holding anti-Israel banners and posters. Addressing the rally, the speakers were Allam Save Haliqota, Abdul Karim Balidi, Ali Gul Magasi, Ayaz Latif Soomro, and others.

Latifi Lat Arts Council holds a seminar on Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhattai (RA)

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: In Tando Muhammad Khan, a conference organized by Latifi Lat Arts Council on the thought of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhattai (RA), writers, poets, and intellectuals declared Shah Latif's poetry a message of greatness for humanity. At the event held at the Gymkhana Auditorium Hall, Sindh's resistance poet Hafiz Muhammad Nizamani said that Shah Latif's poetry is an invaluable message of humanity for the whole world, encompassing love, brotherhood, and humanism. Dr. Anwar Almani, in his speech, said that Shah Latif's poetry is a reflection of Su-



including Sindh. The event also saw speeches from Advocate Roshan Sindh Chaudhry, writer Zaib Nizamani, leader of Sorami Sath Badin Marvi Abida Samo, Rubina Odho, Sultana Zardari, Irfana Bhatti, poet Nisar Ahmed Naz, poet Muhammad Janib Soomro, former Principal of Boys Degree College Allah Dima Dars, Rasool Baksh Bhurgari, poet Gul Thakrai and others.

Wassan community demands justice in Kumb property dispute

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: Residents of the village Qaim Khan Wassan, including Akhtar Hussain, Jalal Din Wassan, Qadam Ali Wassan, Ghayoor Abbas Wassan, Imran Wassan, and others, reached the Awami Press Club to protest. They stated that they are poor and helpless people, and influential government employee police officials Moj Ali Wassan, Khalid Wassan, Tariq Wassan, and Tauheed Wassan have illegally occupied their land. They attacked their young man, Parvez Wassan, and severely injured him with the butt of a government-issued weapon. In critical condition, he was first treated at a



nearby hospital and then admitted to Nawabshah Hospital. When they took the medical certificate to the Kumb police station, SHO Kumb Muhammad Aslam Laghari insulted them, pushed them out of the station, and said that he would not file a case against his fellow police officers. The

Ghotki's civil society rallies for arrest of Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani's killers



By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: The demands for the arrest of the killers of journalist Nasrullah Gadani made by the journalists, political, social and civil society activists of Mirpur Mathelo were highlighted in a rally which culminated outside the SSP office. STP leader Abdul Fatah Samejo, Asad Pitafi, Mushtaq Mirani, Barkat Mirani, Shabbir Bhatti, Jaffar Shaikh and others led the rally. Addressing on the occasion, the speakers

Daulatpur residents demand decrease in price of bricks

By Ajaz Johkio

DAULATPUR: At a press conference held at the Daulatpur Press Club by Haji Dildar Hothipoto, Ali Hassan Johkio, Abdul Hakeem Johkio, Asghar Hothipoto, Farman Johkio, Hussain Johkio, and others regarding the injustices faced by the poor residents. They appealed to the Deputy Commissioner of Shaheed Benazirabad, Shahryar Gul, Assistant Commissioner of Qazi Ahmed, Tariq Hussain Solangi, and other authorities. The main issue raised was the sudden increase in the price of bricks from 22,000 rupees per trolley to 30,000 rupees per trolley in Daulatpur and surrounding areas. When the brick kiln owners were asked to reduce the prices, they justified the increase by citing the high costs of fuel and materials. However, now that fuel prices have decreased, the residents believe that the



brick prices should be reduced back to 22,000 rupees per trolley. Despite this, the brick kiln owners continue to sell at the inflated price of 30,000 rupees per trolley. The residents are urging the district administration, especially the Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner, to take action against these brick kiln owners to ensure fair pricing. This would enable the poor and needy to afford building a single room with solid bricks, particularly for those who lost their homes in the recent rains and are still homeless. They are seeking relief and assistance in rebuilding their homes.

BISE Mirpurkhas' vigilance team visits exam centers in Kunri

By MM Faisal

KUNRI: A vigilance team of the BISE Mirpurkhas, led by Controller Anwar Aleem Khanzada paid surprise visits to the Government Qazi Sultan High School and Ghazali High School. During the operation, they confiscated mobile phones from 105 students who were found jumping over the school walls. The raid aimed to curb the practice of cheating in exams, resulting in the seizure of the students' mobile phones and copies of their cheating materials. Controller Anwar Aleem Khanzada explained that the board is committed to eradicating cheating and ensuring fair examinations. During the raid, the noise made by the students attracted the attention of the Kunri police, who arrived at the scene, causing the students to flee. So far, there have been 500 reported cheating cases in the Mirpurkhas division. Khanzada emphasized that cheating is a detrimental practice and urged teachers



and parents to discourage students from engaging in it to secure a better future for the children.

DC Jamshoro Riaz Hussain Wassen orders action against substandard medicines and milk

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: On public complaints, Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Riaz Hussain Wassen has issued directives to take strict action against those involved in the illegal sale of milk made with a chemical. According to the district, action is being taken against the people involved in the sale of counterfeit medicines. This includes conducting raids on medical stores, especially those selling medicines without proper storage conditions, in hot weather. To carry out these actions, a team comprising Assistant Commissioners, Food Control Officers, and representatives of the Health Department has been formed and instructed to submit a report within one week after taking action.

Two killed in Moro's Bughio community clash

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: Near Moro, in the village of Mehboob Bughio, a clash erupted between two groups of the Bughio community over a matrimonial dispute. During the altercation, shots were fired, resulting in the deaths of two individuals, Mukhtiar Ali Bughio

and Fayaz Ali Bughio. The assailants fled the scene after the incident. Upon receiving the information, Moro police arrived at the scene and transported the bodies of the deceased to Moro Hospital. The two men who were killed were cousins and belonged to the same faction. The marriage dispute between the two factions had been ongoing for some time, culminating in today's tragic outcome. The Moro Police have conducted raids at various locations, arresting several individuals for questioning. Following the incident, an atmosphere of fear and tension has enveloped the village.

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PAXERA To Install AI Technologies At JPMC: Murad

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah announced that the world-renowned firm PAXERA will install PACS and Artificial Intelligence technologies at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC). These technologies are used at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Harvard Medical School's Massachusetts General Hospital in the USA.



provements at JPMC since its devolution from the federal government in 2011. The bed capacity has increased from 2092 to 4041, and the budget from Rs1.9 billion to Rs25.75 billion.

public sector hospital outside the USA to deploy advanced AI technology for predictive algorithms based on local disease patterns. This will improve patient care and provide research data access. The AI models will be accessible to other institutes, particularly in rural areas. Prof. Shahid Rasool, Executive Director of JPMC, praised the Sindh government and Patients Aid Foundation for their support. Chairman HEC Sindh Prof. Tariq Rafi, Vice Chancellors Prof. Nusrat Shah, Amjad Siraj, Gulshan Memon, and CEO AKUH Dr. Farhat Abbas also spoke at the event.



KARACHI: Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab is addressing a press conference about his party's initiatives for Karachi.—RT

FIA Karachi Owes Over Rs 3 Crores To K-Electric

KARACHI: K-Electric on Friday issued a warning to cut off electricity to Karachi's Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) complex building, if the dues—amounting to Rs 40 million—remain unpaid, media reported on Friday.



According to the details, the power distribution company, K-Electric, has issued a final notice demanding the remaining payment to be deposited in the account of the electricity bill by June 20.

The power distributor warned that the electricity connection would be disconnected if the payment is not made till the assigned date.

The complex reportedly has only one commercial meter installed for its four-storey structure.

The current bill for May stands at Rs 32,550,120 while the total outstanding amount is Rs 40 million.

However, the last payment towards the building's bill was made on June 21.

The non-payment of dues has led to a financial crisis for K-Electric, causing significant difficulties in network maintenance. In response to these unpaid dues, KE issued letters to key officials, including the Sindh Secretary of Finance and the Mayor of Karachi, urging immediate payment of the outstanding electricity bills. In May, K-Electric sent five letters to remind immediate payment of the remaining dues.

The significant departments of FIA complex in-

NICVD Honors Nurses On International Nurses Day



KARACHI: The National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) commemorated International Nurses Day 2024 with fervor, embracing the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future: The Economic Power of Care." Held at a local hotel on Friday, May 31, 2024, the event celebrated the indispensable role of nurses in healthcare.

Ms. Shamsa Samani, NICVD's Director of Nursing, extended a warm welcome, setting a positive tone. Professor Tahir Saghir, NICVD's Executive Director, highlighted the economic and social impact of nursing care. Professor Jawaid Akbar Sial, Executive Director of SICVD, emphasized nursing's significance in holistic healthcare.

Professor Nadeem Qamar, former Executive Director of NICVD, praised nurses' dedication, underscoring their pivotal role in patient care. Dr. Tariq Ahmed Shaikh, NICVD's Administrative Executive, expressed gratitude to attendees and nurses for their service. Souvenirs and certificates were distributed to honor their contributions.

NICVD reaffirmed its commitment to supporting and empowering nurses, ensuring top-tier cardiovascular care for patients. The celebration underscored the institute's dedication to nurses' professional and personal growth.—RT

AC Saira Banu Seals Shops And Fines Profiteers In Ibrahim Hyderi



By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: On the directives of DC Malir, Assistant Commissioner of Sub-Division Ibrahim Hyderi, Dr. Saira Banu, conducted an inspection of markets located in Labor Square. Responding to public complaints, actions were taken against profiteers, resulting in the sealing of multiple shops and fines imposed on several shopkeepers.

Following the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Malir, Irfan Salam Mirwani, Dr. Saira Banu visited the markets in Labor Square. During the inspection, she fined shopkeepers selling fruits, meat, milk, and other essential items above the fixed prices. She issued strict warnings to some and sealed several shops. Speaking to journalists, Assistant Commissioner Dr. Saira Banu stated that the actions were taken on the special instructions of the Deputy Commissioner against those charging excessive prices. Multiple shops were sealed, several shopkeepers fined, and lower-level shopkeepers were warned to adhere to the fixed prices, or face stringent actions in the future.

Sindh Home Minister Announces Rs 1 Billion For Karachi Safe City Project

By Rahib Gaho



KARACHI: Sindh Home Minister Ziaullah Hassan Lanjar chaired a meeting at the DIG CTD office to discuss the first phase of the Karachi Safe City Project. DG Safe City Project Asif Aijaz Sheikh briefed the meeting on the project's progress and priorities.

The Home Minister announced the release of Rs 1 billion for the project's first phase, emphasizing the need for swift completion within 12 months. He highlighted the project's goal to eliminate crime and ensure the arrest of criminals, with plans to expand it to other cities in Sindh after Karachi.

Mr. Lanjar also mentioned that the Sindh government has transferred Rs 3 billion to the project account to expedite its launch. DG Safe City Project Asif Aijaz Sheikh informed that Pakistan's largest screen and data center will be established under this initiative. The project includes the installation of 12,000 new cameras at selected locations and the upgrade of 2,000 existing cameras. Additionally, there are plans to install 10,000 more cameras across Karachi, all connected through fiber optic cables. The Home Minister expressed his commitment to making Karachi a peaceful and secure city, free from crime, and acknowledged the Safe City Project's critical role in achieving this goal.

Sindh To Develop Unified Labour Law: Murad

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah announced plans to develop a unified labour law by consolidating, simplifying, and rationalizing existing laws in consultation with social partners. He shared this during a meeting with a six-member International Labour Organisation (ILO) delegation led by Country Director Geir Tonsto at CM House.



Provincial ministers Nasir Shah, Saeed Ghani, Shahid Thahim, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, and other officials were present. Mr. Shah thanked the ILO for its technical assistance in drafting the Labour Code of Sindh. The draft consolidates 21 laws covering occupational safety, health, industrial relations, and working conditions.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 19 laws included in the Sindh Labour Code address issues from child labour to occupational safety. ILO Country Director Geir Tonsto emphasized the importance of social dialogue to finalize the draft Labour Code before parliamentary submission and suggested developing further regulatory frameworks to enhance compliance and provide capacity building for stakeholders.

The CM noted that the unified code supports the province's targets under vari-

ous United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 19 laws included in the Sindh Labour Code address issues from child labour to occupational safety. ILO Country Director Geir Tonsto emphasized the importance of social dialogue to finalize the draft Labour Code before parliamentary submission and suggested developing further regulatory frameworks to enhance compliance and provide capacity building for stakeholders.

Gadap City Police Seize 500 Liters Of Iranian Diesel

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: On the directives of SSP Malir, Kashif Aftab Abbasi, Gadap City Police, led by DSP Mumtaz Magsi and SHO Majid Alvi, conducted a series of operations against elements involved in the illegal smuggling business. During these operations, smuggled Iranian

diesel was seized. Gadap City Police, during a check-point on the main Super Highway from Karachi to Hyderabad near Kathore, stopped a vehicle with registration number TAA-767, a Mazda truck. Upon inspection, approximately 500 liters of smuggled Iranian diesel was found hidden in a secret tank beneath empty sacks in the truck's body. The driver Muhammad Karim S/o Abdul Qadir and the cleaner, Ali Ahmed S/o Muhammad Ayub, were arrested. The suspects, along with the seized Mazda truck and Iranian diesel, were handed over to Pakistan Customs authorities for further legal action.

Wahab Commits To Recovering Missing Children



KARACHI: Muttahida Quami Movement-Pakistan's member Sindh Assembly Faizia Hameed called on top official of Cantonment Board Clifton and apprised him about civic issues.

The MQM-Pakistan MPA met with Cantonment Board Clifton PS-110 Chief Executive Officer Syed Zaki Haider and apprised him of the public problems.

The CEO assured MPA Faizia of resolve all civic issues of the constituency. The party's Joint Town Organiser Arsal Shah was also present on the occasion.—RT

Sindh Rangers Establish Heatstroke Centers In Karachi

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers have established Heat Stroke Centers in Karachi and interior Sindh in view of extreme heat.



These centers are providing cold water, ORS packets and other medicines to the people. Doctors and paramedical staff of Sindh Rangers are also providing various medical facilities to avoid heatstroke.—RT/Agency

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Three Arrested For Starting Forest Fires In Margalla Hills

ISLAMABAD: The district administration of federal capital on Friday took three people into custody on suspicion of Margalla Hills "arson" as authorities continued to battle the forest fires for the fourth consecutive day.

Since Tuesday, the fire has intermittently erupted in the Islamabad hills. Officials are yet to confirm if the fires are related to the high temperatures or due to arson.

Confirming the report Islamabad Deputy Commissioner Irfan Nawaz Memon said, "Three persons have been arrested on suspicion of setting fire on Margalla Hills."

He made the remarks during his interaction with journalists when he reached the spot to review the fire extinguishing process.

Precautionary measures have been taken to keep the fire away from the residential areas, he added. "Helicopters and firefighters are taking part in the fire extinguishing process."



Doubting about man-made fire, the DC said that cases had been lodged against 15 people two days ago. He further said that more arrests would be made in this regard in days to come.

He urged the people to identify the people involved in the fire. Meanwhile, a spokesperson of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) said that the fire broke out in South Asia sweltering in a hotter summer this year — a trend scientists say has been worsened by human-driven climate change.

RT/Agency

Plumes of smoke could be seen rising from a raging fire in the hills of Islamabad with temperatures hitting 41 degrees centigrade on Friday afternoon.

"It is difficult to get a fire brigade there, rescue officials are trying how to douse the fire," a police official in Islamabad, Sohail Khan, told Reuters, adding that it was not certain if the fires were heat-related or cases of arson. A spokesman for the Islamabad police said they were investigating the reasons for the fire and a special team had been formed for the probe by the city's police chief.

A member of the Islamabad Wildlife Board, Waqar Zakaria, said the fire could be a case of "wilful arson", adding that high temperatures have continued longer than usual and May has been drier than normal, leading to fires spreading faster because of dry vegetation. An area in Punjab close to Islamabad,

Kallar Kahar, also saw fire engulf 25 acres of grassland, the province's disaster management (PDMA) said, adding that the flames, which had spread rapidly, had been contained. "The Kallar Kahar forest fire might be a heat-related eruption," PDMA spokesman Mazhar Hussain told Reuters. Forest fires were also seen in Lower Dir, 250km northwest of Islamabad, resident Mohammad Jilil told Reuters by phone, adding that the flames had begun engulfing hundreds of trees four days ago and were yet to be controlled.

Pakistan is seen by global organisations as one of the most vulnerable countries to extreme weather and climate change. In 2022, floods wreaked havoc in the country, killing over 1,700 people and displacing millions in India, at least 15 people died of suspected heat-stroke on Thursday with the region gripped by a debilitating heatwave expected to continue until Saturday.—RT/Agency

Azerbaijan FM Commends Pakistan's Contribution To Regional Stability In Meeting With COAS

ISLAMABAD: Azerbaijan Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov called on Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi on Friday and praised Pakistan's pivotal role in maintaining regional stability.

While holding in-depth discussions on matters of mutual interest, including peace and stability in Asia, the Azeri official also expressed his sincere appreciation for the country's steadfast support to the central Asian country.

COAS General Muneer Ahmad expressed his long-standing fraternal ties with Azerbaijan and reiterated the country's unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive assistance and cooperation in the spheres of defence and security.

He also praised the Azerbaijani Armed Forces for their exemplary professionalism and valour. Bayramov arrived in Islamabad earlier this week on a two-day official visit.

In a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday, the visiting dignitary briefed him on the dis-



cussions with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

He also conveyed warm greetings of Azerbaijan's leadership to the prime minister and assured him of his country's strong desire to further solidify its ties with Pakistan.

During his meeting with Dar, Bayramov discussed the multidimensional bilateral and regional agenda encompassing bilateral and international matters.

The two sides resolved to enhance cooperation in multiple sectors including trade, investment, energy and connectivity to exploit the huge potential of the friendly relationship between the two countries.

Moreover, they also agreed to enhance parliamen-

tary exchanges, strengthen cultural cooperation and promote people-to-people exchanges including students, academia and businessmen. They agreed to identify new areas of economic cooperation and bolster cooperation in climate action and the renewable energy sector besides increasing bilateral investments, especially in the energy sector.

The Azeri FM also met acting President Yusuf Raza Gilani.

During his meetings with the Pakistani leaders, Bayramov was felicitated on Baku's selection as the host city for COP29 to be held in November this year and assured of Pakistan's role in ensuring a successful outcome of that important event.—RT/Agency

Pakistan And UK To Partner On Law Enforcement And Criminal Justice Matters

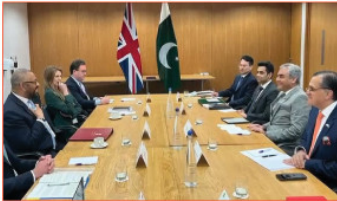
LONDON: The governments of Pakistan and the United Kingdom on Friday signed a letter of intent (LOI) to collaborate on law enforcement cooperation and criminal justice issues.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and UK Home Secretary James Cleverly witnessed the signing of LOI between both governments. High Commissioner, Dr Mohammad Faisal signed the letter on Pakistan government's behalf.

The LOI specifically addresses the issues to tackle illegal migration and organised immigration crime and to exploring future opportunities that benefit both countries.

It will also facilitate liaison between UK and Pakistan law enforcement agencies, in support of joint efforts to tackle transnational crime, including narcotics control, investigations of serious criminality and organised immigration crime.

The cooperation, under the implementation mechanism, will be overseen by a joint steering committee, chaired by the Ministry of Interior (MOI) and comprising of representatives of Interior Ministry, National Police Bureau, British High Commission (supported by the Home Office), the programme team and other relevant agencies.



This agreement will help establish cooperation in the ability to share international criminal conviction data and analytics to prepare pre-emptive plans for crime prevention. Improving joint collaboration to tackle illicit finance threats, detecting criminality at air and sea borders, improving the ability to facilitate extradition requests between both countries.

The letter will also help in creating awareness and understanding of the mutual legal assistance process in both countries. One of its important parts is capacity building which encompasses exchange of information and knowledge, exchange of experts, field trips, training of staff, joint projects, conferences, workshops and provision of specific equipment.

Progress on achievements under the LOI would be undertaken through yearly review. Earlier, during the one-

on-meeting Minister for Interior, Mohsin Naqvi and Home Secretary of UK, James Cleverly discussed measures to further strengthen Pakistan-UK bilateral relations and collaborations to resolve issues jointly.

Naqvi said that UK is a long-term partner of Pakistan and that government to government and people to people contacts between both countries were at unprecedented levels. Meanwhile, Cleverly said that UK highly values relations with Pakistan and appreciated its support and cooperation in evacuating British citizens from Afghanistan.

He added that contribution of Pakistani diaspora in UK is extremely significant in the areas of cultural, social and economic domains. He lauded Naqvi's dedication to public service during his stint as caretaker chief minister of Punjab.—RT/Agency

Dar And Blome Reiterate Commitment To Enhance Pak-US Relations



ISLAMABAD: US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome on Friday called on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar.

A wide range of bilateral issues including security and economic cooperation came under discussion in the meeting, a Foreign Office said in

a press release. Ambassador Blome briefed the deputy prime minister about the recent visits from the US side. The DyPM and the ambassador expressed satisfaction on the current trajectory of bilateral relations and reaffirmed commitment to further strengthen the ties in future.—RT/Agency

ATC Extends Imran's Interim Bail In Three May 9 Arson Cases



LAHORE: The anti-terrorism court in Lahore on Friday extended the interim bail of PTI founder Imran Khan in three arson cases related to the May 9 riots.

ATC judge Khalid Arshad conducted the proceedings regarding the pleas for interim bail for PTI founder

Imran Khan in three cases of arson in Lahore's Jinnah House, Askari Tower and Shadman police station. The court, while extending the PTI founder's interim bail until June 7 in the three cases, summoned the lawyers for arguments on next hearing.—RT/Agency

Law Minister And Attorney General Meet Chief Election Commissioner



ISLAMABAD: The federal law minister and the attorney general for Pakistan have met the chief election commissioner (CEC), Law Minister Azam Nasser Tarar met Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja and discussed appointment of retired judges in the election tribunals. Budget allocation of

various departments and other matters also were discussed in the meeting. After the meeting, the federal law minister stated that no discussion on Election Tribunal Ordinance was held and some parliamentary affairs and budget allocation of the Election Commission of Pakistan were discussed.—RT/Agency

US To Maintain 'Regional Security Dialogue' With Pakistan

WASHINGTON: The US State Department has reiterated its resolve to continue working with Pakistan on counterterrorism issues. Addressing a press briefing in Washington, State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said that the US has been in regular communication with Pakistani leaders on counter-



terrorism and security forces operations, were recorded in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces in the first quarter of 2024.

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.

Patel also reiterated Washington's "deep relationship" with Islamabad over a number of key areas with regards to the country's economy and security.

"We'll look for ways in

which we can continue to deepen cooperation, particularly in the areas of the economy and security as well."

The spokesperson's statement came after he was questioned about the Dubai property leaks and Pakistan's dwindling economy in the wake of Islamabad's ongoing programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other avenues of acquiring funds for keeping financial risks at bay.

The question to Patel was posed in the wake of the Dubai property leaks that saw the names of several Pakistani businessmen and politicians on the list of people who own properties in the United Arab Emirates' posh metropolis.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Calls On India To Cease Suppression Of Political Activists And Intimidation Of Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday reiterated its call for India to stop its ongoing campaign to suppress political activists and intimidate the Kashmiri public in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

"The headquarters of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference in Srinagar also remains sealed. India must stop its ongoing campaign to suppress political activists and intimidate the Kashmiri public. The people of Jammu and Kashmir should be able to freely exercise their right to self-determination as enshrined in the relevant UN Security Council resolutions," Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at the weekly press briefing here.

Highlighting the unabated Indian campaign to crush dissent in IIOJK and the confiscation of properties, the spokesperson said that earlier this week, the properties, including lands and a shop of two more Kashmiri youth, were sealed in Shopian district.

The Indian authorities have so far seized hundreds of properties across the occupied territory to punish Kashmiri activists, she

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added. The spokesperson reiterated Pakistan's resolve to continue extending political, diplomatic and moral support to Kashmiris for the just and peaceful settlement of the dispute as per the UN Security Council resolutions.

About Azeri Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov's visit to Pakistan, Baloch said that during his visit from May 29-30, Minister Bayramov met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Acting President Yousof Raza Gilani, besides holding in-depth talks with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

She said that the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen bilateral strategic relations and broaden the

IHC Declines To Conclude Case Without Poet Ahmed Farhad's Personal Appearance



ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has turned down the federal government's plea for wrapping up Ahmed Farhad's recovery case until the Kashmiri poet's in-person appearance in the hearing.

IHC's Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani heard a petition filed by the missing poet Farhad's wife, Urooj Zainab, who was being represented by human rights lawyers Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali, whereas, Additional Attorney General Munawwar Iqbal General Muneer argued that they sought action against those responsible behind the "enforced disappearance", not only the Kashmiri poet's return.

She added that Farhad's family went to DhirKot Po-

lice Station in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) but he was nowhere to be found. After inquiring about his whereabouts, the family was told that Farhad was transferred to Muzaffarabad under different sections of the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA).

After listening to the arguments from both parties, Justice Kayani rejected the additional attorney general's plea. The jurist remarked that the case would be concluded on the day when Farhad is produced before the court.

Later, the court adjourned the hearing till June 14.—RT/Agency



On Wednesday, the Attorney General for Pakistan, Mansoor Usman Awan, Wednesday informed the high court that the poet has been "arrested and currently in police custody" in AJK.

Zainab, Farhad's wife who moved IHC on May 15, sought her husband's recovery and requested the court to identify, investigate, and prosecute those responsible for his disappearance. A report by the DhirKot Kashmir police station was also presented before the court.

Farhad is produced before the court.