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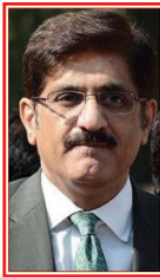
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## Live Streaming Of Cases Involving Political Figures May Lead To Point Scoring: SC

ISLAMABAD: Justifying its rejection of the KP government's plan for live streaming the NAB amendments case hearing, the Supreme Court of Pakistan has stated that broadcasting of the court proceedings of cases involving politicians can be used for political "point-scoring".



The top court on Saturday issued a detailed verdict on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government petition seeking live streaming of the hearing of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) amendment case.

Referring to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, the apex court stated that when the head of a political party wants to be heard, who is not an advocate of this court, there is a real probability that these hearings may be used for political purposes and point-scoring and in respect of matters which do not concern these appeals.

The application for the live streaming was rejected by the apex court in a 4-1 verdict on May 30 with Justice Athar Minallah disagreeing with the majority judgement.

The case was heard by a five-member SC larger bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi

## FIA Summons Top PTI Leaders Over Imran's Controversial Post On Fall Of Dhaka

A day after several Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders made contradictory remarks on the controversy surrounding a video about the 1971 fall of Dhaka posted from party founder's X account, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Saturday issued notices to three more PTI leaders.



As per the notices, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan, Secretary General Omar Ayub Khan and Information Secretary Raouf Hasan have been summoned before the probe agency at 11am on Wednesday.

The controversial post on X, formerly Twitter, was attributed to the deposed 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."

ter notified the PTI founder, who remains incarcerated at Adiala jail, of initiating an action against him over his controversial tweet and reached the prison later that night to question him.

However, the former premier had refused to meet the probe agency's anti-cyber-crime team and become part of the probe related to his controversial social media post.

The FIA had raised objection on the alleged "misuse" of Imran's verified X account through which "highly ob-

noxious and inciting content against state institutions" had been shared.

The notice, a copy of which is available with Geo News, stated that the said post was "likely to cause fear or alarm in the public and may induce/provoke anyone to commit an offence against the state or state institution or public tranquility."

Reporting Centre on Wednesday "in the interest of justice".

"In case of non-appearance proceedings u/s 174 PPC, will be initiated against you," the notification said, referring to Pakistan Penal Code Section 174 (non-attendance in obedience to an order from public servant).

It may be noted that the PTI members including the three top leaders, Ali Muhammad Khan and National Assembly member Zain Qureshi seemed confused over its endorsement or a clear rejection of the controversial post from the founder's X handle.

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

The PTI lawmaker dissociated the imprisoned 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.

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

On the other hand, Hasan first demanded the conducting of a probe and then retracted his statement by saying that he did not watch the video. After facing a strong wave of criticism, the party's core committee said in a statement a day earlier that they rejected the 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.—RT/Agency

## Anti-Terrorism Court Orders Medical Examination Of Poet Ahmed Farhad

MUZAFFARABAD: An anti-terrorism court in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Saturday ordered a medical examination of poet Ahmed Farhad by a team of doctors from the Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences.



The development came during the hearing of case involving Farhad whose counsel requested the court to have the Kashmiri poet medically examined.

Farhad, as per his lawyer Iman Mazari was transferred to Muzaffarabad from DhirKot under multiple sections of the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA).

With the government's lawyer requesting time to submit his response, the court adjourned the case till June 3.

In response to IHC's directions to recover the missing poet, Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan on May 29, revealed that Farhad was arrested and in AJK Police's custody.

Farhad, known for his defiant prose, was allegedly abducted from his house on May 14 after which his wife Urooj Zainab moved the Islamabad High Court (IHC) seeking her husband's recovery along with requesting

the court to identify, investigate, and prosecute those responsible for his disappearance.

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Following the development, the poet's family met him at the Kahori police station situated outside Muzaffarabad.

Following the meeting, the brother of the poet told reporters the condition of

## PM Applauds FBR For Surpassing May Tax Collection Target



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appreciated Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) officials for surpassing the tax collection target during May 2024.

In a statement, the prime minister said the FBR team had collected taxes of Rs 760 billion during May 2024 against the set target of Rs 745 billion, for which it deserved appreciation.

He highlighted that during the period July-May 2023-24, the tax collection witnessed an increase of 31% against same period of previous year while in May 2024, the tax revenue increased by 43% against same month of the year 2023.

"The significant increase in tax collection shows dedication and hard work by the FBR team," he added.

## Azam Tarar Advocates For Appointing Minority Judges In Higher Judiciary

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazir Tarar has expressed his aspiration for judges from minority communities to join Pakistan's higher judiciary.

Speaking at the Justice A.R. Cornelius Conference, he emphasised the importance of religious freedom and minority rights in Pakistan. The event was organized by the Bright Future Society and Implementation Minority Rights Forum Pakistan.



He highlighted that Pakistan's Constitution guarantees complete religious freedom, aligning with Islamic teachings on the rights of minorities.

Justice Cornelius' impactful career and the 2014 Supreme Court guidelines under Justice Jilani aimed at safeguarding minority rights.

He lamented the decline in religious tolerance post-Afghan war but reiterated Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision of a united, tolerant society.

Supreme Court Justice Mansoor Ali Shah echoed Tarar's sentiments, noting the Constitution's protection of minority rights and advocating for the appointment of minority judges to the higher judiciary.

Azam Tarar mentioned the ongoing efforts to establish a Minority Rights Commission and proposed reserving quotas for minority law officers and legal advisors.

The conference concluded with the distribution of certificates to distinguished guests, attended by prominent figures including Supreme Court Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwar, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi, and retired Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, among others.—RT/Agency

## PTI Responds To Government's Offer Of Dialogue

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) reacted to the dialogue offer from Minister for Petroleum Division and PML-N leader Mudasir Khan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, media reported.



In a statement issued here, the PTI spokesman termed the offer, from those who have 'no authority or credibility' to mediate, as ridiculous.

"Instead of propagating talks offer without having authority, this mandate their group should apologise to the nation and return the mandate to real representatives," the PTI spokesman added.

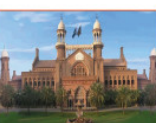
The PTI spokesperson said that those who offered to hold talks were "imposed through fake mandate".

"National criminals do not have the authority to take decisions in the interest of the nation, nor is there room for reconciliation," it added.

The PTI made it clear that it would not hold talks with "mandate thieves" including Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, Pakistan People's Party, and Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan.

## LHC Petitioned Over Defiance Of PM's Directives On Petrol Prices

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) moved on Saturday over defying Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif's directives of massive drop in petrol prices, media reported.



As per details, the petition was filed by Azhar Siddique, challenging the finance ministry's decision to ignore the Prime Minister's recommendation to reduce the price of petrol by Rs 15 per liter.

the price of petrol by Rs 15.4 per liter.

Despite a significant decline in global petroleum prices, the Ministry of Finance only reduced the price by Rs 4.74 per liter, the petition stated.

However, the Finance Ministry reduced the prices of petrol by Rs 4.74 per litre and diesel by Rs 3.86 per litre after a reduction of Rs 4.74, the new petrol prices were fixed at Rs 268.36 per litre. The price of high-speed diesel (HSD) decreased by Rs 3.86 to Rs 270.94 per litre.—RT/Agency

## Voices Within PML-N Raised Against NAB Ordinance: MQM-Pakistan's Khalid Maqbool

ISLAMABAD: The Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) Convener Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said that voices within PML-N being raised against NAB ordinance, ARY News reported.



Federal Minister Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui expressed his concerns about the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) ordinance, terming it "dangerous" and "flawed".

He stated that in civilized societies, the responsibility is on the accused to prove the innocence, but NAB's law is "unique" as it requires the accused to prove their innocence.

Siddiqui criticized the ordinance, saying it is being used to victimize political opponents which indicates the government failure.

Furthermore, the punishment for NAB officials for making false cases has been reduced from 5 years to 2 years.

He mentioned his conversation with the Governor of Sindh regarding the short-term kidnapping issue saying that the governor will discuss the issue with PM Shehbaz.

Earlier, acting President Yousuf Raza Gilani announced an ordinance to amend the existing law, empowering the NAB to keep an accused on physical remand for up to 40 days as

Before the ordinance, a person arrested by the NAB could be remanded into the bureau's custody for 14 days. However, under the amended law, the duration of physical remand has been increased to 40 days.

The previous Pakistan Democratic Movement-led (PDM) government approved amendments to the National Accountability Ordinance 1999 in a bid to curtail the powers of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).—RT/Agency

# THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: Residents of Latifabad are holding a press conference for the acceptance of their demands, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

## MNA Haji Rasool Bux Chandio, MPA Taj Muhammad Mallah visit Badin's Narri Lake



**By Jibran Talpur**  
BADIN: Representatives of the Pakistan Fisher Forum arranged a visit of MNA Haji Rasool Bux Chandio, MPA Taj Muhammad Mallah, Deputy Commissioner Badin Yasir Bhatti, AC Badin Bhagwan Das, Mukhtiar Kar, Badin Shamsuddin Mugheri, Mukhtiar Kar, Golarchi Deedar Hussain Nohrio, Deputy Director of Fisheries Ayaz Hussain Panhwar to the Narri Lake. On this occasion they also observed the rapid erosion of land into the sea. They emphasized the need to prevent this erosion to ensure the sustainable development of the coastal areas and to safeguard livelihoods, particularly those of fishermen. They also discussed providing immediate access to drinking water.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Jamshoro are holding a press conference for the acceptance of their demands, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

## PPP MNA Khursheed Shah lays foundation stone of Sukkur Industrial Enclave



**By Absar Ali**  
SUKKUR: Former Federal Minister and MNA Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah laid the foundation stone of the Sukkur Industrial Enclave, a Sindh government project spanning 400 acres near the cattle colony behind Aror University in Rohri. This project aims to promote industrial development in Sindh province under a public-private partnership. The CEO of Sindh Economic Zones Management Company, Abdul Azeem Ugaili provided a briefing on the project site. On this occasion, SEZMC Board Director Qasim Naveed Qamar, SEZMC Chief Technical Officer Fareed Ahmed Shaikh, former president of the Sukkur Chamber of Commerce Amir Ghori, Commissioner of Sukkur Division Fayaz Hussain Abbasi, Deputy Commissioner of Sukkur Dr. MB Raja Dharejo, Assistant Commissioner of Rohri, Project

## Minhaj Welfare Foundation helps Khangarh's fire victims



**By Shad Mahar**  
GHOTKI: Minhaj Welfare Foundation delivered household goods to four affected families in the village of Gharib Malik in Taluka Khanpur. The items included utensils, clothes, ration, and other essential supplies. These were provided to the villagers Asghar Malik, Akbar Malik, Jamal Malik and Ali Akbar Malik. The coordinator for Minhaj Welfare Foundation Sindh, Advocate Saifullah Bhangar, and the Sukkur Division Coordinator, Syed Zahid Shah Bukhari, led the Minhaj Welfare team to the village, where they distributed the household necessities, clothes, rations, and other essential items to the four affected workers. On this occasion, Saifullah Bhangar stated that Minhaj Welfare is an organization that helps distressed people worldwide to the best of its ability. He assured that the affected families would not be left alone and efforts would be made to arrange for their housing as well.

## Sindh Minister Muhammad Ali Malkani commits to facilitating people of Sujawal

**By Kamran Hidayat**  
SUJAWAL: The Provincial Minister Muhammad Ali Malkani has said that the Sindh Government is making comprehensive efforts for the development and progress of Sujawal district. To this end, initiatives are being taken to ensure our full cooperation with district development by providing adequate facilities, including books for education, to fulfill our role in the development of the district, aiming to improve the infrastructure and create job opportunities to enhance the economic conditions of the people. In this regard, an important meeting was held at the district hall to review and approve various developmental projects. The meeting was chaired by MPAs Heer Sohu, Rehana Laghari, Education Works Officers, Buildings, and other relevant officers to prepare detailed reports of their respective projects soon, as well as to present the progress of these projects promptly. Provincial Minister Muhammad Ali Malkani directed district officers to address the issues of the people based on priority and to resolve them promptly. He also



steps for employment generation and overall development in the district. He directed these officers to perform their duties with honesty, integrity, and sincerity to ensure the improvement and progress of the district. Furthermore, he instructed the officers responsible for water supply schedules to ensure the provision of water without any discrimination to meet the needs of the people. The Provincial Minister for Health instructed the officers in the district health centers to ensure the availability of doctors, staff, and medicines to provide better medical facilities, aiming to benefit as many people as possible. Instructions were also given to the education officers to activate closed primary schools in the district and to appoint teachers, and a list of required furniture would be provided soon to ensure better educational facilities and practical wisdom. Provincial Minister Muhammad Ali Malkani expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of some government departments and instructed them to submit detailed reports on the projects.

## Murtaza Kalhoro reelected President of Larkana Press Club



**By Saleem Soomro**  
LARKANA: In the recent elections of the Larkana Press Club, senior journalist Murtaza Kalhoro has won the presidency with a significant majority, while most of the panel members associated with him have also been successful. The victory of the panel led by Murtaza Kalhoro has been congratulated by Nisar Ahmed Khuho, the president of the People's Party Sindh, and others. In this regard, the election of the Larkana Press Club was supervised by Election Commissioner/Senior Advocate Aqel Ahmed Bhutto, in which a competition was observed between the hopefuls of both the panels, including Latif and Qalandar Shahbaz. Latif panel's members, led by Murtaza Kalhoro, have achieved success with a significant majority. The ongoing results have led to the victory of Murtaza Kalhoro, who secured 34 votes, as the president of the Larkana Press Club against Zafar Abro, who secured 8 votes. Similarly, Abdul Khaliq Magriro secured 35 votes for the position of vice president, surpassing Sarwar Sadhayo, who secured 7 votes. For the position of general secretary, Naveed Lashari secured 35 votes, surpassing Munawar Rind, who secured 7 votes, while the newly elected members of the Larkana Press Club will play their role in the welfare and development of journalists, as well as addressing the issues of the public, strengthening democracy, and representing the voice of the people in the highest forums.

## Muhammad Aslam Bhatti posted as Information Officer Umerkot



**By Muhammad Bachal**  
UMERKOT: Muhammad Aslam Bhatti has been appointed as the Information Officer for Umerkot. The president of the Umerkot Journalists Press Club, Ghulam Muhammad Qamber, along with senior journalists Syed Rehan Shabbir, Ghulam Mustafa Mahar, Syed

## Badin's civil society demands justice for Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani

**By Raja Zafar Iqbal**  
BADIN: The political, social, academic, literary figures, and journalistic circles vehemently protested against the killing of the martyred journalist Shaheed Nasrullah Gadani, expressing deep concern over the alarming trend of targeting journalists. They lamented that speaking the truth has now become a grave offense in Pakistan, and the situation in Sindh has deteriorated to the extent that it has become a killing ground for journalists. In addition to protesting against the killing of mad Chandio, and the well-known artist Faqir Zulfikar Lond participated in the event. During the gathering, speakers denounced the prevailing atmosphere of suppression and censorship in Pakistan, where Al-Hyderi Academy and the Badin Press Club. The event



HYDERABAD: Residents of Kotri are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad Press Club against the highhandedness of their area's influential persons.-RT



HYDERABAD: Members and leaders of Jamshoro's civil society are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad Press Club for the recovery of a missing person Rashid Kohar.-RT



## Lessons for our political system to learn from Trump's conviction

The historic conviction of former US President Donald Trump holds profound lessons for political systems worldwide, particularly in Pakistan. Trump's guilty verdict on charges of falsifying business records underscores a fundamental principle: no one is above the law. In the US, a former president is not immune to prosecution, emphasizing the strength and impartiality of its judicial system. This stands in stark contrast to Pakistan, where political bigwigs often enjoy untouchable status, evading accountability with impunity. The Pakistani political landscape can draw inspiration from the American example to foster a culture where justice is blind and all cit-

izens are equally subject to the rule of law.

Furthermore, Trump's ongoing political journey despite his conviction highlights another



crucial aspect: the power of the electorate. Despite his legal troubles, it is ultimately the American people who will decide Trump's political fate in the upcoming elections. This democratic principle should be mirrored in Pakistan, where the political future of leaders, including former Prime Minister Imran Khan, should be determined by the people's will. The essence of

democracy lies in the power vested in the electorate to choose their leaders through free and fair elections, not through backdoor deals or judicial overreach.

As Pakistan grapples with its political crises, it must ensure that its leaders are accountable to the law and that the people's voice remains paramount. The lessons from Trump's trial serve as a reminder that a robust democracy is built on the foundations of justice and the sovereign will of the people. Implementing these principles can pave the way for a more transparent, accountable, and democratic Pakistan, where leaders are chosen and held accountable by those they serve.

## THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: Residents of Jamshoro are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad Press Club against their area's police officials.-RT

## Jamaat-e-Islami takes out Save Gaza Rally in Sakrand



By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: On the call of the Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman, the central Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, a nationwide campaign for the support of Palestine and against Israel was launched from the Chandia petrol pump in the city, named "Save Gaza Rally". Apart from the workers of Jamaat-e-Islami, citizens also participated in the rally to express their solidarity with Palestine and opposition against Israel. Speaking on the occasion, District Deputy Ameer, Kanwar Rasheed Mukaram emphasized that despite the pres-

ence of billions of Muslims in the world, the silence over the oppression faced by the Muslims of Palestine at the hands of Israel is alarming. He further stated that when children, youth, and women become victims of oppression and numerous innocents are martyred, it becomes necessary to raise a voice against such injustices. He urged the rulers to unite the nation to protect our first Qibla and force them to take action. The rally was also addressed by the Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Sindh, Ashiq Hussain, PTI President Arbab Ali Parlyar and Tauseef Rehman.

## Meeting of All Sindh Waghar Meghwarnat Welfare Association held in Badin



By Jibrán Talpur

BADIN: The meeting of the All Sindh Waghar Meghwarnat Welfare Association was held in Talhar under the chairmanship of Dana Ram Dhaphra, during which Deputy General Secretary Harichand Wadha, Faqirhand Rakani, Faqir Badro, Suno Vieras, Papu Badro, and Arjan Wadha were pres-

ent. On this occasion, Dana Ram Dhaphra addressed the attendees, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts for the development of the temple. He cited the exemplary temple of Dana Ram Dhaphra, during which Deputy General Secretary Harichand Wadha, Faqirhand Rakani, Faqir Badro, Suno Vieras, Papu Badro, and Arjan Wadha were pres-



HYDERABAD: PML-N's Shah Muhammad Shah along with other party leaders is addressing a press conference at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

## Pyaro Station's civil society demands justice for slain journalists Jan Muhammad Mahar and Nasrullah Gadani

By Abdullah Shahani

PHULJI STATION: In the aftermath of the arrest of the killers of journalists Jan Muhammad Mahar and Nasrullah Gadani, journalists and leaders of civil society and nationalist organizations took out a protest rally. The rally started from Shahi Bazaar in Pyaro and passed through various streets of the city, ending at Main Road Stop. Journalists, political and social activists, members of civil society, and representatives of nationalist organizations participated in large numbers. On this occasion, President of Aiwane-Sahafat Sikan-dar Ali Panhwar, Gulham

Sarwar Panhwar, Wazeer Ali Khaskheli, Wahid Bhurgari, Muhammad Ali Qureshi, Munir Ahmed Samo, Ahmed Ali Chandio, Tanveer Memon, Ehsan Marri, Sher Khan Mangi and others participated. To demand justice and truth for journalists, the protesters demanded the arrest of the perpetrators of journalists' killings and protection for journalists. Despite protests against the killing of journalists, the Sindh government has failed to take action against those responsible. The arrest of the killers of journalist Nasrullah Gadani is pending a judicial inquiry. The case of journalist Jan Mohammad Mahar's murder is pending

for eight years, but the main accused remains at large. The Sindh government's failure to arrest the killers despite protests indicates a conspiracy to hide the truth and protect the guilty. We will continue to raise our voices for justice and truth, and we will not back down. We demand protection for journalists and the arrest of those responsible for the killing of journalists, with exemplary punishment, including the death penalty, if necessary.

## Jhol Engineer killed in a road accident in Dubai

By Mehtab Shar

JHOL: A young man from Deh Sarki Kundi near Jhol, Faiz Muhammad Mahar, who was an engineer at a private company in Dubai, passed away in a road accident. According to reports, his body was brought back to his native village by his family. Upon the arrival of the body in the village, a wave of grief and mourning swept through the community.

## Seminar on Mung bean production held in Thar

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A one-day awareness seminar on increasing Mung bean production in Thar was organized by the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) and the Barani Agricultural Research Center (BARC) Umerkot. The event was attended by residents of Thar, agricultural experts, political and social figures, journalists, and members of civil society. Addressing the seminar, Senior Director of the Umerkot Agricultural Research Center, Azizullah Shah, stated that their goal is to make the desert areas of Thar green and fertile. They have successfully developed a model on 211 acres for achieving good yields with limited water. This seminar was organized to help Thar's farmers increase Mung bean



production. Social leader Ali Akbar Rahman emphasized the need to turn Thar into a learning center, urging provincial and federal governments, as well as public and private institutions, to work seriously to alleviate food shortages so that the people of Thar can cultivate fruits, vegetables, and other crops. Muhammad Mansoor Joya mentioned that this project aims to meet the country's demand for pulses. Social leader Sajjan Charo

said that such seminars are essential for farmers to understand agricultural methods. Agricultural Extension Department's Rasool Bakhsh highlighted that Pakistan's pulse production is insufficient, necessitating imports that use local currency. Therefore, increasing pulse production at the national level is crucial. Various types of pulse seeds were introduced, and this seminar was held in Thar to provide farmers with information.

## SFCA's Amir Abro directs Dadu's food establishments not to compromise on quality

By Javed Laghari

DADU: The Sindh Food Control Authority's In-charge, Amir Abro, has warned all hotel owners in Dadu district to be vigilant.

He stated that substandard food practices will never be tolerated, and prompt action will be taken on public complaints. He also informed them about chemical tests on food items and urged them to comply. Journalists appreciated his actions and expressed confidence that the public will be satisfied with these measures, thanking him for the ongoing efforts.



HYDERABAD: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan's senior leader, Haider Abbas Rizvi along with other party leaders is addressing a press conference regarding the tragic Paretabad fire incident.-RT



SUKKUR: Sukkur Electric Power Company's Chief Executive Officer Saeed Ahmad Dawach is addressing a press conference at his office.-RT

# SPORTS



## T20 World Cup 2024: US Ambassador hopes Pakistan will have 'an unforgettable tournament'



United States Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome Saturday conveyed his best wishes to the Pakistan cricket team, wishing them an unforgettable tournament ahead of the Twenty20 (T20) World Cup 2024 set to commence today.

"On behalf of the US mission in Pakistan, I extend my warmest wishes to captain Babar Azam and his team for an unforgettable tournament," Ambassador Blome said in a video message posted on the American embassy's official X account.

The envoy's remarks came as his country is co-hosting its first-ever T20 World Cup along with West Indies, which will see 20 teams battling it out for the coveted title.

The Pakistani team, who have just experienced a 2-0 defeat in a four-match T20 series against England, will begin their

world cup journey on June 6 against the hosts US in Dallas.

The Green Shirts will then face arch-rivals India on June 9 in New York, followed by their match against Canada (June 11) and Ireland (June 16).

In his video message, the envoy underscored observing Pakistan's passion for cricket and said: "A love of sports is something that our countries share."

"I'm delighted that for the first time, the US will be hosting the cricket World Cup [...] I'm sure we are going to see some exciting matches," he said.

He also recalled his previous interaction with the national side in April, wherein the US embassy hosted the Men in Green ahead of the mega event, Ambassador Blome said.—Agency

## PCB's official anthem for T20 World Cup 2024 unveiled



The Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) official anthem for the much-anticipated T20 World Cup 2024, starting from Sunday in the United States, has been released as the cricket fans anxiously wait for the thrilling mega-tournament.

While releasing the soundtrack, the national cricket governing body said that the anthem was a "tribute to the unwavering spirit of our fans who cheer for the Pakistan cricket team through every triumph and challenge".

"Let's unite, celebrate, and fuel our team's journey to conquer the world," the PCB said.

The anthem, titled 'Sadi Van Oye', has been sung by renowned singers Ali Azmat, Arif Lohar and Nehaal Naseem.

final.

Pakistan will play their first match against the USA on June 6 in Dallas.

Pakistan's T20 World Cup squad

Babar Azam (c), Saim Ayub, Mohammad Rizwan, Azam Khan, Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman, Usman Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed, Imad Wasim, Abrar Ahmed, Mohammad Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Amir, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf.

Pakistan's T20 World Cup schedule

June 6: Pakistan vs USA, Dallas

June 9: Pakistan vs India, New York

June 11: Pakistan vs Canada, New York

June 16: Pakistan vs Ireland, Lauderhill.—Agency

## Real Madrid all set to finally unveil Kylian Mbappe as new player



The date has been set for Kylian Mbappe's arrival in Real Madrid after the French footballer marked the end of his contract with Paris Saint-Germain earlier this week.

According to a report by Spanish outlet Marca, the La Liga giants are preparing to unveil the blockbuster signing of Mbappe, 25, as a free transfer.

The report revealed that Mbappe will be unveiled as a Madrid player on Thursday, June 6.

The report further revealed that the Frenchman is set to arrive in Spain next week to sign for Los Blancos before being officially unveiled in their traditional style to the press and fan-base.

While speaking to Forbes about his future, Mbappe said: "I want to be happy. I will leave my country for the

first time. It's going to be an amazing experience and I can't wait to be in my new club.

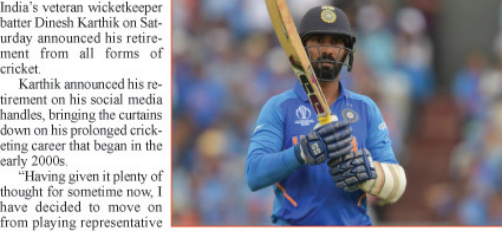
"I want to win trophies. When you speak about football, [it's about] winning trophies, being with new teammates."

Cristiano Ronaldo and David Beckham's former club has been attempting to bring Mbappe to the Bernabeu Stadium since 2017.

Additionally, Mbappe, who is also a fan of Ronaldo, had shown interest in the Spanish several times as well.

However, Mbappe is currently focused on playing for his national team in Euro 2024, where he will feature in a friendly against Luxembourg next Wednesday before travelling to Spain to complete the Real Madrid deal.—Agency

## Dinesh Karthik announces his retirement from professional cricket



India's veteran wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik on Saturday announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

Karthik announced his retirement on his social media handles, bringing the curtains down on his prolonged cricketing career that began in the early 2000s.

"Having given it plenty of thought for sometime now, I have decided to move on from playing representative cricket," Karthik said in a statement.

"I officially announce my retirement and put my playing days behind me as I square up for the new challenges that lie ahead."

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pillars of strength and support over all these years, and I wouldn't be what I am without their blessings. I also owe plenty to Dipika (Palikal), herself a professional sportsperson who often put her career on hold to walk my journey with me.

"Of course, to all the fans and followers of our great game, a massive thank you! Cricket and cricketers wouldn't be the same without your support and good wishes."

Dinesh Karthik represented India in 180 matches across formats and scored 3463 runs with the help of one century and 17 fifties.—Agency

## Cristiano Ronaldo gets teary-eyed after missing out on King's Cup dream



Cristiano Ronaldo left the field crying after Al Nassr missed out on a major Saudi King's Cup victory over rivals Al Hilal in an unfortunate penalty shootout.

The Al Nassr star cried inconsolably after a 5-4 defeat from Al Hilal in the Saudi King's Cup final on Friday in Jeddah as his teammates and coaching staff tried to comfort him.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner was eventually led off the field but continued to be overcome with emotion as he sat on the sideline before collecting his runners-up medal.

Despite Ronaldo finding the net, Al Hilal triumphed on penalties to complete the league and cup double after the match ended 1-1 in regulation time and extra time.

Al Hilal's success has come despite its star Brazilian forward Neymar missing almost the entire season after suffering a knee injury in October, shortly after transferring from Paris Saint-Germain.

Neymar was in attendance on Friday to cheer on his team from the stands.—Agency

## RASHID LATIF WANTS MOHAMMAD RIZWAN BACK AS WICKET KEEPER



Pakistan's former cricketer Rashid Latif has expressed his wish to see Mohammad Rizwan back in his wicket-keeping role in place of Azam Khan.

Speaking on a local sports programme, Latif stressed that the biggest problem currently being faced by the Green Shirts is that of its wicketkeeper, a job currently being performed by Azam.

"The team has two wicketkeepers, Usman Khan and Rizwan. I suggest that wicketkeeping should be done by a senior player," he said, stressing that the wicketkeeper is the captain's most important asset as he is in the best position to observe the game from behind the batsmen and duly assist the skipper.

"Rizwan was running the game from behind for the last four years [but] now you have removed that guard," the ex-cricketer noted while highlighting the lack of communication with bowlers and the captain.

Latif's remarks come as the Babar Azam-led side suffered a 2-0 defeat in the four-match T20I series against England. With the first and third matches being washed

## USA vow to play 'fearless cricket' in World Cup debut



The United States of America (USA) make their debut in the T20 World Cup against Canada on Saturday and vice-captain Aaron Jones says they are determined to play a 'fearless' brand of cricket.

Both teams are making their first appearances in the expanded 20-team T20 World Cup but there is particular pressure on the USA, as tournament co-hosts, with the West Indies, to deliver a strong showing on home soil.

The explosive, short-format of the game, is seen by cricket's leaders as being the perfect version to capture the imagination of mainstream American sports fans and Jones says the team doesn't want to be afraid of going on the attack.

"Fearless cricket, positive cricket, smart cricket. I think that's what we're really and truly trying to do," Jones told a press conference.

"We don't want to regret anything. We want to leave everything out there on the park. And then, obviously, if we come out on top, it's great. If we don't come out

Super Eight stage.

Ireland, who in many ways are a role model for the USA and Canada, having come from relative cricket obscurity to be a regular in major tournaments, will be looking to pull off an upset and sneak into the top two in Group A.

But however the results turn out, it is a landmark moment for the USA team to be in an elite competition after decades of being stuck in minor tournaments. "We've been speaking over the last couple of years about playing in World Cups, about getting test status, about taking USA cricket to higher heights," said Jones.—Agency

## Kids' Corner



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Ben Affleck 'worried' about Jennifer Lopez's career despite marital crisis



Ben Affleck wants Jennifer Lopez's team to do better.

Despite the couple facing marital woes, the Batman actor has reportedly urged his wife's crew "to overhaul her career."

According to The Sun, Ben has been "butting heads" with JLo's creative team for quite some time now as the insider spilled, "He just wants what's best for her and feels she's doing a lot of mediocre projects and is surrounded by yes people who are also sometimes making decisions for her."

"Jen is also often doing 50 things at once. Ben is not working as much by choice and she's overworking - so

## Nicki Minaj gets slammed after claiming drug arrest was due to race



Dutch police have denied Nicki Minaj's claim that her arrest in Amsterdam was motivated by race.

Minaj was arrested at the Schiphol Airport last Saturday for possession of dozens of joints, per the police. The Needle rapper was fined 350 Euros and ended up missing her concert in Manchester due to the delay. Her concert in Amsterdam on June 2 has also been cancelled following the arrest.

Minaj went on to allege that her arrest was due to her race, saying, "Not being able to get to Manchester, I don't know when was the last time I felt that low."

"And not only that, but just knowing that that something is being done to you on purpose. You are a confident other race, you know?" she said during a livestream on Stationhead.

"But I'm not going to get into it and tell you guys the joy they took in it, even while I was there. But you know what? There was one lady there - all the rest were men - and I could tell she had a heart," she added. "But the treatment was just disgusting. And I wouldn't wish that on anyone."

A Dutch police spokesperson has denied the claims, telling BBC, "We just do our job and it is protocol to search luggage and arrest a person when we find drugs."

The arrest was around 17:30 and the release at 21:30. We stand for a professional organisation that treats everybody equal, no matter what. I think that it all went very smoothly. It's very annoying that she drew that card."

# THE HEARTLAND



## Qazi Ahmed's Khoso community men demand justice, protection in land dispute

By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: Qazi Ahmed's Noor Model Village, is currently witnessing protests by demonstrators, including Muhammad Punhal Khoso, Ghulam Sarwar and Talib Hussain Khoso, outside the Nawabshah Press Club. Our community men, including Abdul Basit, Abdul

Wasay, Abdul Hafeez, Abdul Momin, and others, are harassing them, as the mentioned men have encroached upon our land and they intend to forcibly evict us from our homes. Moreover, they have been firing shots at our house constantly. These officials have also filed a case but due to the influence of local authorities, the Qazi

Ahmed Police have not arrested them. The mentioned officials have been threatening us with death constantly. Therefore, we demand justice from the DC, SSP Shaheed Benazirabad, and other higher authorities, urging them to take action against these officials and provide us with justice.

## PPP's Sunil Kumar inaugurates Temple's renovation work in Talhar



TALHAR: The renovation work of the historic central temple in Talhar has commenced. The inauguration of the renovation work of the temple was performed by Sunil Kumar, the minority wing leader of the Pakistan People's Party in Talhar. On this occasion, Sunil Kumar addressed, stating that this

temple is over a century old and holds significant historical importance for our locality. Sunil Kumar appealed to the federal minister for religious affairs, the Sindh Government, and local members to provide financial assistance for the renovation of the temple.—RT

## Jamaat-e-Islami rallies in favor of Palestinians in Tando Adam

By Mumtaz Ali

TANDO ADAM: In Tando Adam, the Jamaat-e-Islami organized a protest rally against the oppression of Israel and in support of the rights of Palestinians. District Ameer Abdul Ghafoor Ansari, Mushtaq Adil, Abdul Sattar Ansari, and other lead-

ers of the party addressed the protesters at the press club. They expressed strong condemnation and sorrow over the mass killing of Muslims in Palestine by Israel, where thousands of Muslim men, women, and children have been martyred. They criticized the silence of the Islamic world and accused America of supporting the terrorist Israel. They expressed solidarity with the oppressed Palestinians and demanded freedom for them. They urged Pakistani rulers and the United Nations to raise their voices in support of the rights of oppressed Palestinian Muslims.

## Shaheed Benazirabd Police arrest two drug dealers

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED NAZIRABAD: Gupchani Police led by SHO conducted an excellent operation and upon receiving information during a patrol, arrested drug dealer Mureed Khan Khosa. A large quantity of hashish was re-

covered from the arrested suspect, and a case was registered against him under the Narcotics Act. Similarly, Sakrand Police Station's police team for their outstanding performance and issued directives to continue the stringent crackdown.

## Action ordered against heavy vehicles damaging Daulatpur's roads

By Aijaz jokhio

DAULATPUR: From the June 1, 2024, strict action has been initiated against tractor drivers carrying different machines attached with their tractors without tires. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad issuing a notifica-

tion have ordered action against actions which damage the roads. To prevent encroachment on roads and to halt unauthorized construction on roads, Section 144 has been imposed. Under this, the option to take legal action against violators has been given. In this regard SHO Daulatpur Po-

## Larkana folksinger Qaim Abro hangs himself

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A young folksinger of Larkana named Qaim Abro committed suicide by hanging himself from canceling fan at his home in Nazir

Muhalla due to poverty and illness. The body of the deceased was handed over to his heirs after completing necessary medico-legal formalities from a local area hospital. The family members of the deceased folksinger said that Qaim Abro was suffering from a disease due to which he was operated on twice but he was not able to continue his treatment due to which he ended his life.

## 56th Mango Festival continues in Mirpurkhas



By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: On the second day of the 56th Mango Festival, an agricultural seminar took place at the Sindh Horticulture Research Institute in Mirpurkhas. The seminar saw the participation of various notable figures including Secretary Agriculture Rafiq Ahmed Barro, Divisional Commissioner, Mirpurkhas Faisal Ahmed Uqaili, Provincial Head of FAO James, Annie Cleaver from France, Chairman of

Mango Festival Management Committee Raees Arif Khan Bhurgari, Director General Agriculture Research Noor Muhammad Baloch, Mansoor Cheema, and experts from Sindh Agriculture University Tando Jam, along with farmers. During the seminar, agricultural experts presented their research papers focusing on mango production research, strategies for increasing production, and expanding mango exports to the global market. Discussions also revolved

around the export of mangoes and methods to enhance the quality of mangoes. Experts highlighted that globally there are 83 types of mango diseases, out of which 27 are found in Pakistan, with 21 specific to Sindh province. They emphasized the importance of employing new agricultural techniques to combat these diseases, ultimately increasing mango production and meeting the standards required for export to international markets.

## Condolence reference held for JNA notable Late Haji Muhammad Moosa Arain

By Hakim Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: A condolence reference was organized for the eternal peace of Late Haji Muhammad Moosa Arain, who is the father of Haji Riaz Ahmed Arain in village Muhammad Moosa Arain. MPA Jam Shabbir Ali Khan, Raees Atta Muhammad Khan Marri Junior, Mir Khan Khoso, Habib Khan Malokhani, Abdul Rauf

Narejo, Seth Anwar Ali Rajput, Laung Khan Shar, Sikandar Ali Katohar, Muhammad Ali Rajput, Maula Bux Katohar, Hakim Ali Baloch, Imdad Baloch, Saleem Laskani, Shakir Rajput and others attended the condolence reference. On the occasion Khan, Raees Atta Muhammad Khan Marri Junior, Mir Khan Khoso, Habib Khan Malokhani, Abdul Rauf

## Farewell ceremony held for class five students in Dohoronaro

By M Ismail Khilji

PITHORO: A farewell ceremony was hosted by Headmaster Jaffar Soomro at the Government Boys Primary School Qabool Ahmed Soomro in Dhoronaro to honor the students who passed the fifth grade. The event was attended by teachers Muhammad Hayat Soomro, Abdul Latif Kori, Ali Akbar Gujo, PTA divisional official Mehmood

Sehto, poet Jonhar Lal, Khalid Anisar, Dr. Jesa Ram, journalists Faiz Mahmoodani and Abdul Sattar, Ghulam Qadir Arisar, and many others. Headmaster Jaffar Soomro welcomed the esteemed guests. The school students gave speeches, performed various skits, and danced to national songs. The attendees remarked that all schools should incorporate such extracurricular activities along with academic ones to

reveal the hidden talents of the children, which would also increase school enrollments. At the end of the program, trophies and cash prizes were awarded to students who demonstrated excellent performance. Additionally, Master Burhanuddin Soomro presented the distinguished guests with traditional Sindhi gifts of Ajrak, celebrating the cultural heritage of Sindh.

## 46th death anniversary of Pir Shahnawaz Shah "Arif-ul-Moula" observed in Sanghar

By Khadim Khaskheli

SANGHAR: 46th death anniversary of Sindh's famous poet Pir Shahnawaz Shah "Arif-ul-Moula" was commemorated at the shrine of Hassan Baksh Shah Jilani near Landhi. The ceremony was marked with simplicity. The custodian of the shrine,

Pir Shahenshah Jilani, along with Pir Yar Muhammad Shah Jilani, Pir Saleem Shah, Mumtaz Shah, Jan Muhammad Abro, Manzoor Khaskheli, and others laid a floral wreath on the grave of Pir Shahnawaz Shah Arif-ul-Moula and offered prayers. During the wreath-laying ceremony, Pir Yar Muhammad Shah spoke, emphasizing that Arif-ul-Moula's poetry encompassed the essence of Sindh. Pir Yar Muhammad Shah urged today's youth to read works by great poets, starting with reading books for a deeper appreciation for literature.

## Difa-e-Sahaba Conference held in Jhudo

By Shahid Majood

JHUDO: Kakepoto community notable Muhammad Javed Kakepoto organized Difa-e-Sahaba Conference which was attended by Ahle

Sunnat Wal Jamaat leader including Maulana Abdul Jabbar Hyderi, Maulana Abdullah Sindhi and others, addressing on the occasion, Maulana Abdul Hjabbar Hyderi expressed concern over the actions of the anti-Islam forces in the world and urged the entire Muslim Ummah to get united to face these challenges.

## Poor sanitary conditions irk people of Tando Jam's Sakhi Wahab and Oad Colony

By Irfan Khushk

TANDO JAM: Approximately four years ago, a drainage line was installed for Sakhi Wahab and Oad Colony in Tando Jam. However, it became unusable immediately after its construction. As a result, the residents of Oad Colony have not been able to benefit from the drainage line even for a single day. The drainage ditch for UC 57 Sakhi Wahab Town has been continuously discharging

water into the Oad Colony drainage pit, which is now completely filled. Due to the lack of capacity in the pit, there is a risk that the drainage water will overflow at any moment, potentially affecting the link road leading to the villages of Late Saundai Kaleri, Praro Behan Bhude and other nearby villages. To prevent this situation, the residents of Oad Colony have submitted a written complaint to UC Chairman Syed Haider Shah,

Town Chairman Haji Badar Memon, Vice Chairman Syed Shafiq Hussain Shah, and CMO Shah Jahan Panhwar. The residents have also appealed to MPA Sharjeel Inam Memon, MNA Tariq Shah Jamot, and senior officials of the Town Municipal Administration to resolve the issue before the drainage water floods the roads, streets, and homes, especially before the upcoming rainy season to avoid further inconvenience.

## Tando Allahyar Press Club hosts a Mushaira

By Afaq Khanzada

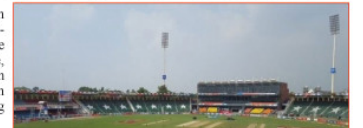
TANDO ALLAHYAR: Under the auspices of Tando Allahyar Press Club, a splendid Mushaira was organized, featuring renowned poets from various cities of Sindh, including Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Tando Adam, Benazirabad, and Udero Lal. Poets such as Ronak Hayat, Atiq Jilani, Fayaz Ali, Fayaz, Sahibzada Atiqur Rehman, Mirza Salim Baig, Waqar Ahmed Waqar, Khalid Dawood, Qaim Khan Qamar Mush-taq, Ahmed Saeed Khan, Aftab Masood, Gul Afshan, Mirza Aasi Akhtar, Profes-

sor Naveed Sarosh, Habib ur Rehman Chohan, Rohai Kalro, Muhammad Ali Mir-jat, Khawar Nadim, Naeem Gallai, Abu Muhammad Sarmad, Zahiruddin Shamsi, and Naseer Siddiqui, mesmerized the audience with their beautiful verses. Deputy Commissioner Tando Allahyar Saleemullah Odho graced the occasion with his special participation. The event was attended by a large number of literary and social personalities, as well as citizens. The participants appreciated the poets' beautiful verses, making the event even more delightful.

# SPORTS

## Champions Trophy 2025: Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium undergoing major renovations

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has decided to majorly renovate the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore-Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium and National Stadium in Karachi for the upcoming Champions Trophy 2025.



According to the sources, the upgradation work for Gaddafi stadium has started with directors and their departments being shifted to the far end building and the National Cricket Academy. The sources said that the plan is to demolish the main building after the transfer of offices, adding that the shifting of offices will be completed in the next week. The PCB has planned to construct the new building in a modern style near the ground and most of the hospitality boxes in the main building are planned to be built at the front, added the

sources. The sources further said that new screens will also be installed to provide a better view for the fans and the seating capacity will also be expanded in all three stadiums. Moreover, the sources said that it is a challenge for the PCB to complete the upgradation work within six months, adding that the board has hired foreign consultants and designers for the plan. This event will mark the return of the Champions Tro-

# MONEY

## Gold Continues To Lose Its Shine In Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs 1,400 and was sold at Rs 240,300 on Saturday compared to its sale at Rs 241,700 on last trading day.



The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs 1,200 to Rs 206,019 from Rs 207,219 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs 188,850 from Rs 189,950, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported. The price of per tola silver decreased by Rs 80 to 2,820 whereas that of ten gram silver went down by Rs 68.58 to Rs 2,417.70.

the value of the US Dollar, indicating the close relationship between currency values and gold prices. This underscores the impact of global economic factors on local gold markets.—RT/Agency



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## PML-N Urges Imran To 'Reduce Tensions' And Disown Controversial Post

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum Division and PML-N leader Masudik Malik on Saturday asked PTI founder Imran Khan to "reduce tensions" and disown the controversial post regarding Sheikh Mujibur Rahman posted on latter's X account, media reported.



Malik said that there were always doors open in politics and PML-N leadership always stressed the need for a charter of economy and democracy," he said, noting that his party wants to move forward with all political forces.

He claimed that his party will engage in talks with political parties also as Nawaz Sharif has become PML-N president. "We are even ready to talk with Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC)," he added.

The text of the letter stated that anti-state propaganda was disseminated through the official social media account of the PTI founder, targeting institutions, particularly the Pakistan Army.

The video posted on May 26 aimed to distort facts, prompt rebellion among officers and soldiers, and create unrest within various state institutions.

Addressing a press conference today, Masudik

controversial post regarding Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Meanwhile, Masudik Malik said that controlling inflation and providing employment opportunities to the people were the government's top priorities.

He said on the directives of the prime minister, maximum relief was being ensured to the masses and inflation witnessed a gradually decrease in the country. The premier has given targets to all the ministers to serve the people and reduce their burden by controlling inflation and creating job opportunities for them, he said.

He said factors like floods and natural calamities besides Russian-Ukrainian and Middle East conflicts caused an increase commodity cycle. However, owing to the efforts of the incumbent government and targets given by the Prime Minister, the ratio of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has decreased from 37 per cent to 17 per cent, he said.

tion has also reduced from 40 per cent to 11.5 per cent adding that we were going towards stability. Prices of petroleum products have also been slashed and around Rs 25-26 per litre relief on petrol was given to the people in one month, he added.

He expressed the hope that inflation would further witness a down trend in the days ahead. Tractors' purchases have also registered a 50 per cent increase while urea production recorded a 17 per cent jump in the last one year, he added.

The minister said the government would give a balanced and relief-oriented budget with an increase in 30 per cent increase in tax collection. The country's exports also witnessed an increase while imports have decreased, he said. To a question, he said the PML-N government set up power plants to generate electricity at affordable rates. They always gave preference to the State rather than their personal politics, he said.—RT/Agency

## Pakistan Welcomes UK's Support To Tackle Cybercrime Challenges



LONDON: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said Pakistan will welcome UK's support to tackle the challenge of cybercrimes, media reported.

He made the remarks during his meetings with Director General of the National Crime Agency James Babbage and Director General National Security of Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office Jonathan Allen in London.

On the occasion, the Interior Minister was briefed about the functioning of British institutions and close cooperation was agreed upon. It was decided that Pakistani officers will be trained by the National Crime Agency regarding cybercrimes and counter-narcotics.

The Interior Minister emphasized the need for greater collaboration between the two countries in the fight

against drugs. Mohsin Naqvi pointed out that Pakistani nation and forces have made unprecedented sacrifices in the war against terrorism. He said there is a need to adopt a common strategy to deal with the menace.

The Interior Minister also visited Cabinet Office National Situation Center in London. He expressed deep interest in the working of the center, noting that the importance of such a center in a crisis like situation cannot be denied.

The Interior Minister said the establishment of a National Situation Center will be reviewed in Pakistan as well. He said they will also benefit from the experience and expertise of the United Kingdom in this regard. He said this partnership will not only secure our present but also the future.—RT/Agency

## PML-N's Azma Bukhari Says Taliban Are Better Than Imran

LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari on Saturday castigated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, alleging that even Taliban are better than the latter, media reported.



Addressing a press conference here, the provincial minister alleged that PTI's 'simple formula' of revolution was to seek support and NRO from 'powerful quarters'.

She questioned the hype over Hamoodur Rahman Commission (HRC) report, saying that a commission should be constituted to probe PTI founder Imran Khan's 'anti-Pakistan agenda'.

"Imran Khan's agenda is to break Pakistan into parts," Azma Bukhari alleged.

She further said that even the Taliban are better than

PTI founder as the former acknowledged and take responsibility for their views but the latter doesn't.

The statement came after Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cybercrime Cell wrote a letter to the authorities seeking access to incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan to inquire about a 'controversial' post from his X handle.

The text of the letter stated that anti-state propaganda was disseminated through the official social

media account of the PTI founder, targeting institutions, particularly the Pakistan Army.

The video posted on May 26 aimed to distort facts, prompt rebellion among officers and soldiers, and create unrest within various state institutions. The FIA Cybercrime Cell noted that this video is a clear violation of the PICA Act 2016 and seeking access to the PTI founder in jail for further investigation.—RT/Agency

## Supreme Court Sends Anti-Smuggling Law To Parliament For Review

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has sent the Anti-smuggling Act 1977 to the Parliament for review with recommendation of amendment in the law, Media reported on Saturday.

The apex court in its verdict said that the anti-smuggling law has scores of lacunae. "The anti-smuggling law only allows accused the right to appeal," the decision read.

"Denying the right to appeal to government means the Anti-smuggling Act benefiting accused," the court observed.

The copies of the verdict, written by Justice Shahid Waheed and comprised of seven pages, have been dispatched to the Law and Justice Commission, Secretary Law and the Attorney General of Pakistan.

Referring a case, the court said that the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in a complaint in year 1998 said that a man Ubaid Khan made property with smuggling. "The ANF has only a role of reporting



the special judge under the Anti-smuggling Act," decision read.

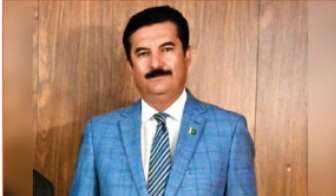
"The matter restricted before the judge and the accused after the accused present their stance. The complainant's role come to an end in the law after reporting the judge," verdict read. "The ANF will not be an affected party of the decision after its role ends with complaint. In the anti-smuggling act, the ANF of the state have not been given any right to appeal and only the affected party i.e. accused have right

to appeal under the law," according to the decision.

"The Peshawar High Court (PHC) dismissed the ANF's appeal against the court's decision in the case because 'it was not an affected party,'" verdict read. "The anti-smuggling laws, across the world, give the state or government the right to appeal. It will be appropriate if the parliament revisits the law to give the right to appeal to the state," the apex court verdict suggests.—RT/Agency

## Ready To Talk With PTI If Its Leaders Apologize For Past Mistakes: Kundi

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi Saturday expressed willingness to talk with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) if party apologises for past mistakes. "We are ready to talk if PTI apologises for past mistakes. The party should play its role in the Parliament, nothing will be gained by making noise," said the governor addressing a press conference in Lahore today.



The KP governor's statement comes after PTI continues its tirade against the ruling government in Islamabad and the spat between KP government and Centre pertaining to dues owed to the province.

"I will play the role of a bridge between the Centre and province," said the governor, adding that he has also spoken about KP's problems with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Commenting on the issues faced by KP and the provincial government's complaints towards Islamabad, Governor Kundi said he asked CM Gandapur to go to the federal government and convey the problems, as that will help find a solution. "I told KP chief minister to talk to the federal government with arguments. If this behavior continues in the future, they will solve the problem," he said.

Kundi said he was hopeful that the federal government will resolve KP's issues. "KP CM earlier used such language that did not solve the problem."

The KP governor said he was ready to talk to all the parties in the province for its development, peace and prosperity. "Political people should sit with political parties and solve the problems." Sharing his opinion on the consequences of the May 9 riots, Governor Kundi said that all the accused of the violent-rioted event should be brought to justice. "The accused of May 9 should be punished. The mastermind of May 9 tragedy should be brought to justice first," he said during the presser today.—RT/Agency

## Dar Emphasizes Efforts For G20 Membership

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Saturday stressed upon making sincere efforts to become a member of G20, media reported.



Addressing a convocation ceremony of HBS Medical and Dental College, the deputy PM said that "Things are turning around and Pakistan is not more in isolation among the comity of nations as claimed by certain critics," he added.

He also regretted that in the past, whenever the PML-N government strived to put the country on path of progress and prosperity, some hidden hands tried to disrupt that journey.

Dar urged the healthcare professionals to stay committed to their noble profession and knowledge by undertaking the responsibility towards the needy and deservingly with compassion and empathy.

The deputy prime minister said that in the healthcare sector, the professionals should accord high priority to the needs of the deserving and needy and should not forget the high values taught by Islam which emphasized upon making efforts for the betterment of others.

Dar said that together, they could transform Pakistan into a developed and prosperous country among the comity of nations as the country had the immense

capacity and the nation was resilient to overcome all challenges. He cited that when they formed the government, the country was on the verge of default, but they took drastic steps to ensure economic turnaround.

The foreign minister expressed the confidence that the incumbent government under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and former prime minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif would take the country to a new level of economic prosperity as envisaged by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

The deputy prime minister said that a committee had been working to address issues of medical sector, adding it would assess healthcare demand and supply in the country, ensure quality education and pro-

pose policy measures to the prime minister.

He also lauded the contributions of the private sector in imparting medical education.

He also underlined the need of making further efforts for shaping the younger minds for future challenges and said that coordination was crucial in shaping the new generation with skills.

The future of the healthcare system in Pakistan was bright, he added.

The deputy prime minister also wished success for the new medical graduates and reminded them that they were entering into a new phase of life full of challenges and opportunities.

They had chosen a noble duty and profession as under Islamic teachings 'saving a life tantamount to saving the whole humanity', he advised.—RT/Agency

## PTI Demands Recusal Of CJP From Imran's Cases



ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has demanded Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa rescue himself from benches hearing cases related to party and its founder Imran Khan, media reported on Friday.

A statement issued after the PTI core committee demanded the recusal of CJP Qazi Faez Isa from cases related to PTI and founder Imran Khan, citing concerns

over bias and impartiality.

The PTI alleged that the Chief Justice's hearing of their cases has a "negative impact" on the fair trial.

The demand came as the Supreme Court is all set to hear Sunni Ittehad Council's (SIC) reserved seats case on June 3. Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa would head the bench. Justice Musarrat Hali will not be present to hear the case due to illness.—RT/Agency

## Dealing With PTI Founder According To His Nature Is The Only Solution: Sanaullah

Amidst swirling controversy surrounding the potential ban of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, Adviser to Prime Minister and Federal Minister Rana Sanaullah clarified that the issue is not currently on the cabinet's agenda.



Speaking on Samaa TV program 'Mere Sawaal', he said that the decisions regarding party bans are made based on thorough consideration of available evidence and legal grounds.

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