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HYDERABAD: Transgender Project Manager, Maryam Shaikh and others are addressing a press conference for the Transgender community's rights, at the Hyderabad press club-RT

MPA Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, Pir Danish visit shrine of Faqir Pir Shahnawaz Lahooti (RA)

By Javed Laghari

DADU: PPP MPA Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq and Dadu Municipal Committee Chairman Pir Danish Ali paid homage to his grandfather, Faqir Pir Shahnawaz Lahooti (RA), at his shrine where they participated in a gathering and offered prayers. The spiritual significance of Sufi saints in Sindh was highlighted by both leaders, underscoring the profound impact of their teachings on the community.



Liaquat Soomro, a local lawyer, praised the PPP's efforts in spearheading development projects in Dadu, particularly initiatives aimed at empowering the youth. The presence of Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq and Pir Danish at the shrine exemplifies their commitment to honoring Sufi traditions and promoting unity among the people of Dadu. Their visit signifies the enduring legacy of spiritual leaders in shaping the cultural and social fabric of Sindh.

Kunri Police arrest a drug dealer



By MM Faisal

KUNRI: In a significant operation led by SHO Ifkhar Ahmed Bajwa, Kunri Police raided a house in the Gharibabad neighborhood based on a tip-off. During the raid, they seized a large quantity of intoxicants and arrested one individual. Specifically, 7,000 pieces of cloth were confiscated as part of the operation.



LARKANA: Relatives of Ahmed Ali Jatoti are holding a protest demonstration against his killing and demanding the arrest of the murderers, at the Larkana press club-RT

Court Sends Six Suspects on Physical Remand for Cutting Camel's Limb

SANGHAR: A court in Sanghar on Thursday sent six suspects, allegedly involved in the case pertaining to chopping off a camel's leg, on physical remand for two days.



The court pronounced the judgement after hearing the case as police produced the suspects before it following the completion of their previous remand. The investigation officer apprised the court that two of the suspects had admitted to the crime. Additionally, two axes were recovered from the suspects, according to the IO.

A Shahdadpur magistrate on June 16 remanded the suspects into police custody for four days, hours after their arrest. The victim camel was shifted to Karachi on June 15 and has since been treated and cared for by a non-governmental organisation for the rehabilitation.

The heartbreaking incident took place on June 14 in the Mundh Jamrao area. The animal had entered agricultural land, angering its owner, who then resorted to physical violence against the camel. The landlord, along with his employees, first physically tortured the camel as punishment for entering the land for fodder. Later, they cut the animal's leg with a sharp tool. The camel's video went viral on social media, with thousands of people condemning the brutal action. Despite the uproar, the police initially registered a first information report (FIR) against unknown individuals, Geo News reported, and not the landlord who was involved in the incident.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ijaz later confirmed that law enforcers had arrested five people in connection with the animal abuse, of whom two had confessed to the crime. Meanwhile, Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori announced that he would give two camels to the person whose animal was hurt.—RT

45th birthday of Pir Muhammad Sadiq Qureshi celebrated with zeal in Qazi Ahmed

By Mumtaz Ali

QAZI AHMED: The 45th birthday of Pir Muhammad Sadiq Qureshi, the spiritual leader of Jamaat Luari Sharif, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Taluka Press Club in Qazi Ahmed on Thursday. The event was graced by the presence of Sirai Allah Rakhio Jatoti, Manager of the Pir of Luari Sharif, along with prominent figures such as President of Nishat Jamaat Luari Sharif Shahed Benazirabad Region Ali Bux Qureshi, Mumtaz Memon, Samiullah Junejo, Abdul Jabbar Abro, Ali Raza, and Ramzan Lashari. During the celebration, leaders of Jamaat Luari



Sharif cut a birthday cake and offered prayers for the long life and well-being of Pir Muhammad Sadiq Qureshi. The gathering highlighted the respect and reverence held for the spiritual leader within the community.

IRM and Islamic Relief Host Certificate Ceremony for 90 Youth Trainees

HYDERABAD: The Institute of Rural Management (IRM), in collaboration with Islamic Relief, organized a certificate giving ceremony for 90 youths who received training in various fields. The event took place in a local community in Hyderabad and saw the participation of IRM Regional Head Abdul Rab Bharru, Coordinator of Islamic Relief Mahesh Kumar, Professor Dr. Arifa Bhutto, Professor Ghulam Ali Bharru, and social leader Bhispha Kumari.



Regional Head, detailed the program's achievements. He explained that IRM has trained hundreds of young boys and girls in rural areas of Sindh in fields such as scooter mechanics, car driving, electricity, sewing, and beautician skills. The current program trained 90 youths from Dadu district in scooter mechanics, car driving, and electrician work over a month-long course in Hyderabad, during which participants were provided with good accommodation and food.

Educational experts and social leaders at the event praised IRM's efforts in teaching valuable skills to the youth. They highlighted the importance of such programs in combating the rise of drug addiction and other social evils among unemployed youth. The provision of skills training not only stabilizes them economically but also empowers them to contribute positively to society and support their families.

Bharru emphasized that, alongside technical training, the program also imparted knowledge on employment and marketing methods to help the youth start their own businesses post-training. The ultimate goal is to place trained individuals in industrial establishments, enabling them to contribute to the country's development and the well-being of their families. Overall, the ceremony celebrated the successful completion of the training program and underscored the significance of skill development initiatives in fostering economic stability and social betterment.—RT

Sufi Ladharam Library inaugurated in Samaro



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The efforts of Samaro's youth bore fruit with the inauguration of the Sufi Ladharam Library, a significant milestone for education and knowledge in the region. The inauguration ceremony, graced by renowned literary figure Jami Chaudhry, Rasool Bux Khaskheli, Khalil Kumbhar, and other dignitaries, drew a crowd of enthusiastic youths from

will have on the youth, enhancing their knowledge and intellectual capabilities. Chetan Meghwar stressed the importance of education as a fundamental right and expressed optimism that education fueled by passion will empower the community to overcome future challenges. The inauguration marks a significant step towards fostering a culture of learning and development in Samaro. The establishment of the library is seen as a beacon of enlightenment for the community, symbolizing a commitment to education and intellectual growth. Resool Bakhsh Khaskheli emphasized that the library will foster a conducive environment for a promising future in Samaro Road. Muhammad Aslam Shahani highlighted the transformative impact the library

Water shortage intensifies in Pithoro



By M Ismail Khilji

PITHORO: Due to the negligence of the Irrigation Department, a severe crisis of drinking and agricultural water has emerged in the Pithoro Tehsil. The shortage of water has affected various canals, including Khipro Canal, Mithrao Canal, Khai Shakk, Pithoro Mines, Saedi Branch, Sarhari Branch, Jumma Branch and others at the tail-ends. Due to this artificial shortage, thousands of acres of crops have dried up and been destroyed, and drinking water has become scarce in the areas. The intense heat and lack of water have led to people, animals, and livestock dying of thirst, forcing the residents to drink brackish underground water. The town administration has stopped the water supply due to unavailability. Citizens are closing their businesses and wandering in the intense heat and sunlight in search of water. The farmer and peasant communities have started to migrate. Residents of Pithoro state that for the past month, no water has reached the tail end of the Khai Mines, causing the city's ponds to dry up and creating a drinking water crisis. They are forced to drink brackish underground water, leading to various diseases. The town administration has stopped the water supply due to unavailability. Citizens are closing their businesses and wandering in the intense heat and sunlight in search of water, forced to buy water at Rs 300 to Rs 500 per drum. The elected representatives of the area have remained silent.

Services of Civil Hospital TMK's MS Dr. Shehla Shah lauded

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Dr. Shehla Shah, the Medical Superintendent of the District Hospital in Tando Muhammad Khan, has been widely praised for her dedicated services. On Eid day, Dr. Shehla Shah made a surprise visit to the hospital, where she met with the paramedical staff, on-duty doctors, and patients admitted in various wards. She distributed juice, biscuits, and Eid gifts to them, bringing joy to both patients and staff.



Her actions have garnered commendation from citizens as well as political and social workers. Leaders of the Quamrasta Awami Ittehad, including Javed Halipoto, SUP leader Munawar Soomro, and human rights leader Ghulam Hussain Solangi, have highlighted the significant improvements in the hospital since Dr. Shehla Shah's arrival. Notably, she has taken a strong stand against the electricity theft mafia, cutting off illegal connections and taking legal action against those involved.

Despite this opposition, Dr. Shehla Shah continues to set a brave example, curbing electricity theft and enhancing healthcare services in the district hospital. Her visit on Eid and ongoing efforts to improve the hospital's operations have been met with widespread appreciation, showcasing her commitment to the well-being of the community.

18th Basic Training Course for Junior Prison Officers underway at Sindh Prisons Staff Training Institute Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Prisons Staff Training Institute in Hyderabad is currently conducting the 18th Basic Training Course for Junior Prison Officers. This comprehensive four-month program aims to prepare 145 officers with essential skills and knowledge for effective prison management across the region.



The training curriculum includes both foundational and academic components, focusing on various aspects of organizing and administering correctional facilities. Participants are actively engaged in specialized visits to key institutions such as the Juvenile Jail, Women's Jail, and Central Jail Hyderabad. These visits provide invaluable hands-on experience and insights into the diverse challenges inherent in managing different types of prisons in Sindh. Principal SSP Ashfaq

Kalwar, along with Dr. Hassan Bux Noonari and Vice Principal Asif Lakho, have been pivotal in organizing these educational visits. Their dedication ensures that the training is comprehensive and relevant, equipping officers with the necessary skills to handle the complexities of prison administration effectively. This training initiative underscores ongoing efforts to enhance professionalism within the prison system, aiming for improved management and rehabilitation outcomes. It reflects a commitment to providing high-quality education and preparation to junior prison officers, essential for maintaining security and fostering rehabilitation within correctional facilities.—RT

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Rising Ethnic Violence Threatens National Unity

The recent abduction of ten residents from Punjab at Shuban picnic point in Quetta, Balochistan, is a deeply disturbing incident that underscores a dangerous and escalating trend of ethnic targeting. Armed men, identifying victims by their Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs), singled out Punjabis for abduction while releasing others. This alarming event follows a pattern of ethnic violence, including last year's horrific murder of six laborers from Punjab in Kech, Turbat.

This surge in ethnically motivated attacks is not just a Balochistan issue but a significant threat to the integrity of our federation. The targeting of individuals based solely on their ethnicity reveals a deep-seated hatred that risks spiraling into broader,

uncontrollable conflict. It is a stark reminder of the fragility of our national unity and the dire need for immediate and decisive action.



The government's response to these incidents has been alarmingly inadequate. There is a palpable sense of apathy and dangerous ignorance from authorities, who have yet to demonstrate a robust strategy to protect citizens and address the root causes of ethnic violence. This negligence not only endangers lives but also emboldens perpetrators who operate with impunity.

The kidnapping of a Customs Officer among the abductees highlights that no one is immune from this terror. It is a call to action for law enforcement agencies and government officials to step up their efforts in safeguarding all citizens, irrespective of their ethnic background. There must be a concerted effort to ensure justice for the victims and to dismantle the networks that perpetuate these heinous crimes.

Ignoring these issues will only lead to further destabilization, not just in Balochistan but across the country. It is imperative for the government to recognize the gravity of this situation and to take immediate, concrete steps to restore security and foster national cohesion. The future of our federation depends on it.

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VC Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto chairs meeting of SABS University's Syndicate

By Shaikh Sindhri & Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO/KOTRI: The 4th meeting of Syndicate at Shaheed Allah Bukh Soomro (SABS) University of Art, Design and Heritages Jamshoro was held under the chair of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto to discuss and resolve matters relating to smooth conduct of business at the university.



The meeting was held in a pleasant environment with amicable dialogues and discussions, and in a cordial spirit. The house confirmed the minutes of 3rd meeting of syndicate held on March 10, 2024, persuaded the actions taken on the decisions of the same meeting and acknowledged the actions taken by Vice-chancellor after 3rd syndicate meeting. The syndicate approved the recommendations of anomaly committee for upgradation of assistant professors Syed Ali Abbas Jafari and Nurraz Raza Mangi to next higher grade BPS-20 on hardship basis. The house recommended to form a committee with the

approval of Vice-Chancellor SABS University to discuss the bond amount after receiving the resignation of assistant professor of Architecture Department Saima Shaikh, who went for PhD to Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. The august house endorsed the decision of imposition of major penalty of removal from service to deputy director finance Asif Ali Shar on recommendation of women harassment committee of SABS University. The syndicate offered in person hearing on appeal of Asif Ali Shar against the imposition of major penalty of removal from service on harassment charges, and the decision was upheld until the opinion from legal advisor.

The meeting was attended by the nominee from HEC Islamabad Prof. Dr. Nilofar Shaikh, nominee from HEC Sindh Nadira Panjwani, person of eminence Sharif Awan, person of eminence Dr. Noman Ahmed, member on women's quota Prof. Shahnaz Ismail, person of eminence Prof. Tazeen Hussain, elected members Fazal Ellahi Khan, Shahid Qayoom Memon, Muhammad Younis Kangri, acting registrar Muhammad Suleman Bhutto and In-charge Director Finance Muneer Ahmed Khatian.

Miscreants destroy standing crops of red chili in Kunri

By MM Faisal



KUNRI: In Kunri, on Nabisar Road, miscreants destroyed a chili crop worth lacs of rupees, prompting poor farmers and landlords to protest and raise slogans. According to details, in the village of Haji Gul Hassan Memon, half an acre of chili belonging to a poor farmer was cut down by miscreants. Despite reporting the incident to the police, no action has been taken.

The affected farmers and landowners, including women and children, staged a protest, raising slogans against the destruction of the chili crops and the abuses by

influential landlords. Landowner Gul Hassan Memon and other protesters voiced their fears, saying that influential individuals were making threats, including threats of murder and false legal cases. They expressed severe anxiety and fear.

The protesters demanded that higher authorities take notice of the situation, take action against the influential individuals responsible, and provide justice and protection. The destruction of these valuable crops represents a significant financial loss for the already struggling farmers, amplifying their need for immediate intervention and support from the authorities.

JUI-F stands with the constitution: Maulana Rashid Mehmood Soomro

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: JUI-F Sindh's Secretary General, Maulana Rashid Mehmood Soomro, declared that his party will neither support the Prime Minister nor align with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). He emphasized that JUI-F stands with those who uphold the country and the constitution.



Speaking to the media in Jacobabad after offering condolences over the sad demise of JUI-F leaders Maulana Fakhar Zaman Soomro and district leader Mir Hassan Sahandaro, Maulana Soomro criticized the current budgets, stating there is no difference between the federal and Sindh budgets, claiming that

the nation has been mocked under the guise of the budget. He also accused the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of using its boycott of the federal budget as a tactic to blackmail and gain benefits, describing it as an attempt to deceive the public and labeling the whole situation as a drama.

District Ameer Dr. AG Ansari, District General Secretary Syed Abdul Basit Shah, and Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Channa were also present during the media interaction.

PPP Minority Wing's Sunil Kumar demands financial assistance for Daur's fire victims

TALHAR: Sunil Kumar, leader of the Pakistan People's Party minority wing, has expressed profound grief over the tragic incident in Daur city, Nawabshah district, where two lives were lost and numerous shops and houses were consumed by a devastating fire. Among the victims were prominent social figure and business leader Surya Chand and his nephew Prakash Kumar, who tragically perished in the blaze. The fire also destroyed a building and a shop belonging to Gokul Das, resulting in extensive financial losses amounting to millions of rupees. Sunil Kumar has appealed to President Asif Ali Zardari, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the Chief Minister of Sindh, and elected members of the assembly to swiftly intervene. He urged them to provide fi-



financial assistance and compensation to the affected families who have suffered immensely due to the fire incident. The call for support aims to alleviate the hardships faced by the victims and to aid in their recovery from the devastating loss of lives and livelihoods.

Skyrocketing prices of daily use commodities irk people of Jhando Marri

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Residents of Jhando Marri, along with nearby towns like Usman Shah Huri, Meerabad, Pyaro Lund, and others, have expressed deep frustration over the exorbitant prices set by local shopkeepers. The community has raised concerns about the lack of intervention from authorities in addressing this pressing issue.

According to reports from local media outlets, shopkeepers in Jhando Marri and surrounding areas have significantly raised prices on essential commodities such as maize, flour, rice, pulses, vegetables, fruits, and meat. These price hikes have placed a heavy burden on the local population, who find it increasingly difficult to afford basic ne-

cessities. In response to public outcry, the Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Jhando Marri has initiated raids on grocery stores, vegetable vendors, fruit sellers, meat shops, and other retail establishments. These raids aim to verify price lists and ensure compliance with fair pricing regulations based on daily market rates.

The public has appealed to the AC of Jhando Marri, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Tando Allahyar, and other relevant officials to take decisive action against shopkeepers engaging in unfair pricing practices. They hope that stringent measures will be implemented swiftly to alleviate the financial strain on the community and provide relief to those struggling with high living costs.

People of Nawabshah protest against prolonged power outages

By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: Angered by persistent power outages, residents of Daulat Colony in Nawabshah staged a protest demonstration that disrupted Sarkand Road as they burned tires to highlight their grievances. The demonstrators, including Shahmeer Mallah, Tariq Samo, Asad Mallah, Iqbal Mallah, and others, voiced their frustrations to the media.



They lamented that a malfunctioning transformer in their locality has left them without electricity for the past three days. Despite multiple complaints to the relevant authorities, no action has been taken to rectify the

situation. The prolonged outage has severely affected daily life, with children enduring the sweltering heat without fans or lights. "We demand immediate repair of the transformer," stated the protesters, emphasizing that their protest will continue until their demands for reliable electricity supply are met.

The demonstration underscores the urgent need for infrastructure maintenance to ensure uninterrupted power supply for the residents of Nawabshah.

Reopening of dispensary in Pyaro Station demanded

By Abdullah Shahani

PHULJI STATION: The closure of Pyaro Station's dispensary has sparked widespread protests among residents, leading to demonstrations where protesters blocked roads with tires and placards bearing slogans condemning the dispensary's closure. Beginning from Bazaar Chowk, demonstrators including Munir Samo, Muhammad Yousuf Channa, Akhtar Channa, Imdad Channa, Shahid Arain, Adeel Bhatti, Naveed Arain, Muhammad Ali Qureshi, Sikandar Ali Panthwar, and others voiced their grievances against the decision.

Protesters emphasized the injustice faced by the local community due to the shutdown of the dispensary, which has deprived the poor



of convenient access to essential healthcare services. They argued that the closure forces vulnerable residents to either incur high costs for treatment at private hospitals or forego medical attention altogether, exacerbating their hardships.

The demonstrators called upon Dr. Azra Pechuho, the Minister of Health, and other relevant authorities to intervene urgently. They demanded the immediate reopening of the dispensary to ensure that underserved communities have equitable access to healthcare facilities. The ongoing protests underscore the pressing need for governmental action to address healthcare disparities and uphold the right to accessible medical services for all citizens.

12-year-old boy electrocuted in Hingorja

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: Tragedy struck at Rasoolabad Bus Stop as 12-year-old Akash Rajpar was electrocuted while attempting to operate an electric motor at Ghulam Akbar Rajpar's hotel on Thursday. The incident occurred when the boy came into contact

with the electric appliance, resulting in fatal electrocution. Local authorities responded swiftly, and the boy's body was transferred to a nearby hospital for necessary medical legal procedures. After completing formalities, the deceased's remains were handed over to his family. The incident serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of electrical safety, particularly in public and residential settings. Authorities are expected to investigate the circumstances surrounding the tragic event to prevent such accidents in the future.

METRO KARACHI



Sindh CM Inaugurates S4 Project For Enhanced Security

By Rahib Gaho

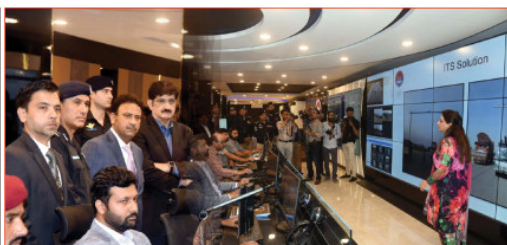
KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah inaugurated the Sindh Smart Surveillance System (S4) project aimed at bolstering security across major entry and exit points connecting cities within the province. The initiative integrates advanced technologies like Facial and Number Plate Recognition at 40 toll plazas, including 18 in Karachi, to monitor and enhance security measures.



Wasif, senior officers from Pakistan Rangers and NRTC, and members of Civil Society. CM Murad Shah highlighted that the S4 Project aims to apprehend over 80,000 absconding criminals and curb vehicular crime,

ment to achieving effective results. He reaffirmed the government's dedication to establishing a crime-free society, noting improvements in law and order since the PPP came to power. The CM also condemned the spread of fake news by the 'social mafia brigade', urging responsible media reporting.

Following the inauguration, CM Shah visited the Command & Control Centre for a briefing on ANPR and Face Recognition implementation. The project includes solar power solutions, gensets, and AI tools for enhanced surveillance and rapid response capabilities. Additionally, CM Shah announced the Be-hood-e-Jawan Health Insurance scheme, covering 127,482 police personnel and their families with comprehensive healthcare benefits.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah is inspecting Sindh Smart Surveillance System (S-4) Command and Control System, at Chief Police Office (CPO). Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar and IG Police Ghulam Nabi Memon were also present.—RT

PPP To Celebrate Shaheed Benazir Bhutto's Birthday In Lyari

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, will address a special event today in Karachi's Chakiwara area to commemorate the 71st birthday of the late former Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto.



The PPP Karachi Division is organizing the event in Lyari, as announced by Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani during a meeting at the People's Secretariat on Thursday. Ghani, also serving as the PPP Karachi Division President, chaired the meeting to finalize arrangements for the celebration.

lighted the role of youth wing activists and the People's Students' Federation in managing vehicular traffic on the event day, with designated traffic routes already announced for the area.

Preparations for the event have been extensive, with mobilizations of party office-bearers and activists from all Karachi districts planned to attend the public gathering. Ghani emphasized that Lyari was selected as the venue at the directive of the PPP Chairman, ensuring the event is organized in a fitting manner.

Javed Nagori, PPP Karachi's General Secretary, noted the festive atmosphere in Lyari following the announcement of the public gathering, expressing enthusiasm among PPP activists to participate in the event.

Waqar Mehdi, PPP Sindh General Secretary, high-

lighted the role of youth wing activists and the People's Students' Federation in managing vehicular traffic on the event day, with designated traffic routes already announced for the area.

Murtaza Wahab: Undoing Wrongs Of 45 Years Takes Time



KARACHI: Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab acknowledged on Thursday that he cannot immediately rectify the mistakes of the past 45 years. Speaking at a press conference, he highlighted challenges stemming from historical issues such as inadequate drainage systems like China and Hong Kong cuttings, which have caused rainwater to inundate homes.

He praised municipal staff for their dedicated work despite harsh weather conditions and announced an increase in development funds at the union council level from Rs. 500,000 to 1.2 million.—RT

Businessmen Panel Meeting Emphasizes Role In FPCCI



KARACHI: Anjum Nisar, Chairman of Businessmen Panel (BMP) in FPCCI and former President of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), underscored the critical role of BMP in advocating for the business community's interests. In a meeting held in Karachi, Nisar stressed the importance of proactive engagement and strategic planning to amplify

the business community's voice and effectively influence policy-making. The meeting, attended by senior BMP members including Abdul Rahim Janu, Nasir Hayat Mago, Rafiq Suleman, Khurram Saeed, Shaikat Suleiman, Haji Yaqoob, Javed Jilani, Rizwan Bhatti, Shariq Wahra, Shahid Anwal, Qamar Anul, Haroon Farooqi, Javed Jilani, and Khalid Puri among others, focused on current budget policies and BMP's role in FPCCI.

Rafiq Sulaiman, speaking at the meeting, emphasized BMP's role as a robust advocate for Pakistan's business community, highlighting their determination to restore FPCCI's prominence under Anjum Nisar's leadership.—RT

DSP Abid Fazal Mahar lauds police officials for maintaining peace during Eid-ul-Azha holidays

By Asif Qureshi



KARACHI: DSP Malir, Abid Fazal Mahar has stated that on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, special security arrangements were made in the markets of Malir under the special directions of IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon, DIG East Captain (Retd) Azfar Mahesar and SSP Malir Kashif Aftab Abbasi's supervision, to control the influx of sacrificial animals and ensure foolproof security around the livestock markets in various areas of Malir and Shah Latif Town. Additionally, vigilance was maintained over the movement of criminals and suspects involved in street crimes in different areas within their jurisdiction. He expressed gratitude that in our two SHO of Malir City and Shah Latif Police Station, Syed Farasat Shah and Shahrul Khan, along with young police officers, have consistently performed their duties well and remained prepared to take action against criminals and lawbreakers at all times. DSP

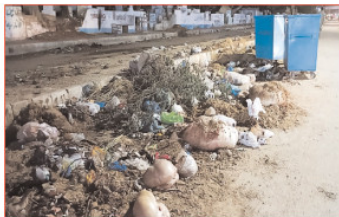
Abid Fazal Mahar further added that registered organizations were mandated to take permits for sacrificial animals on Eid and no organization was allowed to take permits without authorization. Police personnel continued patrolling to prevent any attempts of extortion related to sacrificial animals.



KARACHI: Police are patrolling on horses and dispersing people visiting Sea View Beach as Section 144 has been imposed by the Sindh government at Karachi's beaches.—RT

176 Arrested For Tearing Offal In Karachi

KARACHI: A three-day crackdown on violators of Section 144 has resulted in the arrest of 176 individuals who were found tearing off the offal of sacrificial animals and spreading garbage during Eid-ul-Azha.



According to a report submitted by Deputy Commissioners to Commissioner Karachi, the breakdown of arrests is as follows: South District (26), East District (44), West District (7), Malir (14), Korangi (57), Central (40), and Keamari (5).

Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassn Naqvi has emphasized that the crackdown was enforced to maintain cleanliness and public hygiene in the city.—RT/Agency

Noted Trade Unionist Karamat Ali Passes Away In Karachi

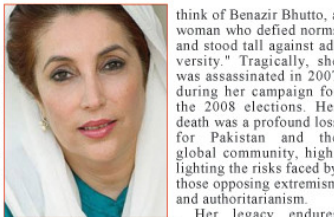


KARACHI: Karamat Ali, Executive Director of the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (Piler), passed away at the age of 78 in Karachi on Thursday. He had been undergoing treatment at a private hospital where he breathed his last. Ali is survived by two daughters and a son.

His funeral prayer will be held after Maghrib at Imambargah Shuhada-e-Karbala, Ancholi, and he will be laid to rest at Wadi-e-Hussain graveyard on Super Highway, as announced by the family. In a statement mourning his death, Piler described Ali as a dedicated advocate for the working class, whose commitment to labour rights and social justice left a lasting impact on society.

Remembering Shaheed Benazir Bhutto: A Trailblazer For Democracy

By Dr. Hassan Bux Noonari



On Benazir Bhutto's birthday, we reflect not only on her life but also on the profound impact her death had globally. Regardless of nationality or gender, the news of her passing resonated deeply, underscoring the upheaval that violence can cause and the enduring legacy of an extraordinary woman.

Benazir Bhutto, born on June 21, 1953, made history as the first woman to lead a Muslim-majority country, symbolizing resilience and championing democracy in Pakistan. Elected Prime Minister in 1988, she served two terms amid staunch opposition. Her initiatives to advance healthcare, education, and women's rights left an indelible mark on Pakistan. She famously proclaimed, "Democracy is the best revenge," a testament to her steadfast belief in democratic principles and her dedication to reinstating democratic governance in Pakistan. Throughout her career, Benazir Bhutto exhibited immense courage. As Malala Yousafzai remarked, "When I think of bravery and courage, I her honor.

Karachi Man Killed In Front Of His Son For Resisting Robbery

KARACHI: In a tragic incident, robbers shot and killed a man and injured his son for resisting a robbery at a gas filling shop in Karachi's Korangi Coast Guard Chowranghi area.

According to police reports, the robbers entered the shop and opened fire as the man, identified as Zafar, and his son Wahab resisted

the robbery attempt. Zafar succumbed to his injuries on the spot, while Wahab sustained gunshot wounds. In a brave move, Wahab managed to disarm one of the robbers and retaliated by firing at them, forcing them to flee. The injured robbers sought treatment at Jinnah Hospital, where Wahab positively identified them. Subsequently, the police arrested the suspects identified as Qadir and Ehtisham. The incident has sparked outrage in the community, highlighting concerns over security and rising crime in the area. The police have assured that swift action will be taken against the perpetrators to ensure justice for the victims.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: Legend Hotels and Resorts proudly announces the signing of an MOU with Gaala Group, marking a significant milestone in the hospitality industry with the launch of a new flagship property in the picturesque locale of Jhika Gali, Murree. The MOU was formally signed by Mr. Azeem Qureshi, Managing Director of Legend Hotels and Resorts, and Brigadier (R) Hamid Khalil of the Gaala Group. The occasion was graced by the presence of Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan in Islamabad. The hotel, branded as "697 By Legend," is poised to elevate the region's hospitality standards and deliver exceptional service to its guests.—RT



KARACHI: Renowned businessman Mirza Shah Nawaz Agha is presenting his book to Sardar Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar.—RT

