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**HYDERABAD:** Peoples Labor Bureau Senior Vice President, Lal Baksh Khulro along with others is cutting a cake to celebrate the 71st birthday anniversary of former Prime Minister Shaheed Benazir Bhutto.-RT

## Jashn Eid Ghadir Rally taken out in Kotdiji



**By Naz Solangi**

**KUMB:** On the 18th of Dhulhaj, in celebration of Eid Ghadir, the Shia community of Kotdiji organized a grand rally that commenced from Masjid Ali al-Murtaza in Kot Bungalow. The rally, which witnessed the participation of thousands of devotees, expressed their deep love and reverence for Hazrat Imam Ali (AS). As the rally made its way through the Shahi Bazaar, Kotdiji, a spirit of devotion and collective joy, making it a memorable event for all attendees.



**HYDERABAD:** Residents of SITE area are addressing a press conference at the Hyderabad press club for the provision of justice.-RT

## Sardar Faisal Kachelo provides water supply scheme to his area people

**By Maqbool Dai**



**KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD:** The village of Kachelo Farm has recently benefited from the completion of a 3600-foot water supply line, a project funded personally by Sardar Faisal Kachelo. This initiative was brought to fruition with the dedicated efforts of Sher Muhammad Badhani and Shafiq Bhambhro, who executed the work under the orders of Sardar Faisal.

The residents of Kachelo Farm expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the provision of clean water, a fundamental necessity that has greatly improved their daily lives. "Your hard work is reliable for us, and your spirit of service fills our hearts with love and respect. We pray for your good deeds, as your sacrifices have made our lives easier today," stated the locals, appreciating the contributions of Sardar Faisal and his team. "This act of service underscores the importance of providing essential utilities to rural communities, and the people of Kachelo Farm commend the commendable efforts and sacrifices made by Sardar Faisal Kachelo. "Providing water is a great service, and your efforts and sacrifices are commendable," they added, highlighting the significant impact of this project on their quality of life.

## Nawabshah's Deputy Commissioner Chairs Meeting To Prepare For Upcoming Monsoon Rains

**By Samad Ayaz**



**NAWABSHAH:** Deputy Commissioner Gul Memon presided over a crucial meeting at his office to assess the readiness of drains and canals ahead of the upcoming monsoon rains, aiming to ensure efficient water drainage during the rainy season. The meeting focused on proactive measures to safeguard residents and farmers from potential flood risks exacerbated by climate change. Deputy Commissioner Memon directed officials from the LBOD (Left Bank Outfall Drain) to develop comprehensive plans for water drainage, taking into account forecasts of above-average rainfall. Emphasis was placed on maintaining cleanliness at drainage points and ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply at pumping stations. Immediate actions were mandated to swiftly drain rainwater from Nawabshah city, surrounding areas, and the airport. Furthermore, a request will be submitted to the PDMA (Provincial Disaster Management Authority) for urgent deployment of machinery to channel rain-

water into the Indus River from Qazi Ahmed, Daur, and nearby regions. Ali Akbar Jamali, Chairman of the District Council, underscored the lessons learned from the 2022 rainfall, which resulted in delays and overflow, causing substantial losses to farmers and the public. He urged meticulous attention to machinery readiness and drainage system maintenance based on past experiences. Project Director SCARP Shaheed Benazirabad, Amjad Ali Memon, reported on the completion of cleaning operations for Nawabshah East and West Main Drains, in addition to other major and minor drains. He noted enhancements to embankments for improved water flow and ongoing efforts to procure necessary machinery. Mayor Qazi Muhammad Rasheed Bhatti provided updates from the municipal corporation on rainwater drainage initiatives across Nawabshah, Qazi Ahmed, Daur, and adjacent areas. The meeting was attended by SE HESCO Farman Ali Daghani, Additional Deputy Commissioner Nawab Sameer Laghari, EXEN LBOD Shahabuddin Bhatti, Deputy Director Information Gulam Abbas Gorah, and other relevant officials. Post-meeting, Deputy Commissioner Shahryar Gul Memon, accompanied by District Council Chairman Ali Akbar Jamali and PD SCARP Amjad Ali Memon, conducted site visits to inspect ongoing drain cleaning efforts in Nawabshah, ensuring preparedness for the upcoming monsoon season.

## Town Chairman Zahoor Ali Bozdar reviews arrangements for Muharram in Bozdar Wada



**By M Iqbal Soomro**

**THARI MIRWAH:** Zahoor Ali Bozdar, Chairman of the Bozdar Wada Town Committee, conducted a comprehensive review of the preparations for the upcoming Muharram-ul-Haram procession routes. Accompanied by officials from various departments, Chairman Zahoor Ali Bozdar inspected the designated routes for the mourners' procession. The visit and directives from Chairman Zahoor Ali Bozdar aim to ensure that the routes are immaculately maintained throughout Muharram-ul-Haram. He underscored the need to provide the best possible facilities and arrangements for the participants and attendees of the procession. The visit and directives from Chairman Zahoor Ali Bozdar aim to ensure that the commemoration of Muharram-ul-Haram in Thari Mirwah proceeds smoothly, with all necessary arrangements in place to facilitate the community during this solemn occasion.

## Sinjhor's Junejo community demands justice in land dispute

**By Khadim Khaskheli**

**SANGHAR:** Residents of the village Leemo Junejo, UC Jaffar Khan Laghari in Sinjhor, from the Solangi community, staged a protest demanding justice over a land dispute. The demonstration, led by Muhammad Saleh Solangi, Muhammad Khan Solangi, Ghulam Qadir Solangi, Ghulam Solangi, and Nasir Ahmed Solangi, highlighted the harassment they faced from local influential individuals regarding their land and crop fields. During the protest, members of the Solangi family reported to the media that young men from the Junejo community had trespassed onto their land. When confronted, the trespassers allegedly refused to leave and assaulted the Solangi family members. The Solangis specifically accused Ali Khan Junejo, Anwar Ali Junejo, and Naem Junejo of assaulting their women, including Husn Solangi, Mirzadi Solangi, and Nasreen Solangi, resulting in injuries that required medical treatment. Despite reporting the incident to the police, no action was taken against the

influential individuals involved. The Solangi family accused the Sanghar police of being influenced and claimed they received threats from the authorities. They further alleged that certain political figures were orchestrating the situation and pressuring the police to arrest them. The aggrieved party is demanding justice for the assault on their women and the perceived incompetence of the Sanghar police. They warned that if justice is not served, they would escalate their protests by blocking roads and staging further demonstrations.

## DC Shikarpur Altaf Ahmed Chachar reviews arrangements for anti-polio campaign

**By Adeel Alvi**



**SHIKARPUR:** Deputy Commissioner Altaf Ahmed Chachar presided over a crucial meeting of the District Polio Eradication Committee at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Shikarpur. The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming polio vaccination campaign scheduled from July 1st to July 7th, 2024. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed Metlo provided an overview of the campaign, highlighting both achievements and challenges. He noted that although over 100,000 extra doses had been administered beyond the target, there were concerns regarding the low coverage of zero-dose children, currently standing at 70%. Dr. Metlo pointed out shortages of workers in Khanpur and Ghari Yasin, assigned duties to ensure transportation challenges. In response, Deputy Commissioner Altaf Ahmed Chachar emphasized the need to address security issues promptly. He instructed for police assistance to be provided at transit points to ensure the safety of polio vaccination teams. Chachar also directed the deployment of male staff to remote areas and ensured female staff were assigned duties to their respective localities to enhance coordination to achieve maximum polio immunization coverage in Shikarpur district.

attended by Assistant Commissioners, District Health Officer Dr. Waseem Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Parvez Ahmed Soomro, Dr. Aziz Murtaza, Area Coordinator, Deputy Superintendent of Police Noor Nabi, and officials from the Health Department. It concluded with a commitment to intensify efforts and enhance coordination to achieve maximum polio immunization coverage in Shikarpur district.

## 4 Hindu families leave Pakistan due to growing lawlessness and inflation

**By Hashim Brohi**

**JACOBABAD:** Amid worsening law and order conditions, rising inflation, and increasing unemployment in Pakistan, four Hindu families from Jacobabad have made the difficult decision to migrate to India. The families of Hindu businessmen Kishore Singh, Anop Singh, Kirpal Singh, and Sunny Kumar departed for India via the Jaffar Express, intending to cross the Wagah border from Lahore. Over the past two weeks, a total of 24 families from

Jacobabad have relocated to India, citing similar reasons of deteriorating living conditions. At the railway station, Anop Singh, one of the migrants, spoke to journalists about the hardships they faced in leaving behind their homeland, homes, and businesses. He explained that despite their deep roots in Sindh, the current circumstances, including violence, inflation, and unemployment, had become unbearable. Singh expressed sorrow over the decision to leave, emphasizing that they had endured significant hardships before finally opting to seek refuge in India. The families had been part of the fabric of Sindh for over a century, but the escalating challenges forced them to depart, seeking better prospects and security across the border. The departure of these Hindu families underscores the impact of socio-economic challenges on minority communities in Pakistan, prompting calls for improved conditions and security measures to safeguard all citizens.

## Jashan Eid Ghadir celebrated in Tando Adam



**By Didar Ali Samo**

**TANDO ADAM:** Jashan Eid Ghadir was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Masjid-e-Jaffaria Azkhanah-Zahra (SA) in Tando Adam. The event was graced by the presence of the renowned scholar and leader of the Shia Ulema Council Pakistan, Allama Syed Nazir Abbas Taqvi from Karachi, who was the chief guest and speaker of the congregation. In his address, Allama Taqvi emphasized the significance of Eid Ghadir, which is observed on the 18th of Dhulhaj. This day commemorates the historic event when the Islamic prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) appointed Ali ibn Abi Talib (AS) as his successor. According to Shia hadiths, Eid Ghadir is regarded as the greatest divine Eid. On the 18th of Dhulhaj 10 AH, at a place known as Ghadir Khumm, Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) delivered a profound sermon, during which he called upon his cousin, brother, and son-in-law, Ali ibn Abi Talib (AS), and declared, "To whomsoever I am Mulla, Ali is also my Mulla." The celebration featured various Qasida performers, including Hameer Ali Khan, Mir Zulfiqar Farhan Ali, and others, who recited Qasidas to honor the occasion. The atmosphere was filled with spirituality and devotion as the attendees commemorated this significant event in Islamic history.



**SUKKUR:** Members and leaders of the Sunni Rabta Committee are leading a rally on the martyrdom day of Hazrat Usman Ghani, at the Sukkur press club.-RT



**HYDERABAD:** Members and leaders of the Sunni Rabta Council are observing the martyrdom day of Hazrat Usman Ghani, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

NATIONAL



Nine of a family gunned down in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: A terrifying incident sent shockwaves across the nation as at least nine members of a family were brutally killed by armed men in a house in Peshawar's Badaber village on Tuesday.



armed attack. "Two teams have been constituted to arrest the culprits," the police officer said. The bodies have been shifted to hospital for post-mortem by rescue teams.

One of the injured women was shifted to Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar, for medical assistance.

Police collected empty shells of cartridges and other evidence from the crime scene and registered a case on the report of the heirs.

Economic progress hinges on improving law and order situation: Ahsan



ISLAMABAD: Planning and Development Minister Ahsan Iqbal emphasised that key prerequisites for advancing include policy continuity, political stability, and peace in the country.

Iqbal also highlighted the upcoming second phase of CPEC, which will focus on five key corridors: Growth, Livelihood, Innovation, Green, and Open corridors.

PPP supports vision Azm-e-Istehkam: Shazia Marri

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Secretary Information Shazia Marri confirmed her party's support for the Vision Azm-e-Istehkam against terrorism, media reported.

should be taken on board regarding the operation, adding that PPP wants a political dialogue on the issue.

She said that the Nation has sacrificed 80,000 lives for peace, adding that the action against terrorism is necessary which cannot be stopped by 'blackmailing'.

Three High Court judges take oath after elevation to SC

ISLAMABAD: Three high court judges, including the chief justices of Sindh and Lahore high courts, Tuesday took oath as Supreme Court judges after their elevation was notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice.



Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa administered oath to LHC Chief Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan, SHC Chief Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi, and LHC Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan.

The oath-taking ceremony was held at the apex court today.

A day earlier, the law and justice ministry notified the appointments of the aforementioned high court judges to the SC following the approval of President Asif Ali Zardari under Article 177.

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4 majority approved the elevation of Justice Shahzad. The JCP also approved elevation of Justice Shahid.

After LHC Chief Justice Shahzad's elevation, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan was appointed as acting LHC CJ by President Zardari under Article 196, according to a notification issued by the law ministry.

Justice Shujaat will perform duties as acting LHC CJ until the appointment to the top post, it further stated.

Justice Shujaat will perform duties as acting LHC

that after detailed deliberations, the commission by a 5-

Abbas Afridi quits PML-N

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Abbas Khan Afridi on Tuesday announced parting ways with the ruling party, saying that its top leader Nawaz Sharif was no longer "relevant" in the country's politics, just a day after the former prime minister decided to become "active" in the country's political affairs.



The three-time former premier, who steered clear of the executive post for a fourth time following the February 8 general elections, is set to increase involvement in the "national politics", sources said on Monday.

tion was justified," he said, adding that the senior leadership of the party "didn't remain loyal" to the party president.

However, Afridi was of the view that there was nothing much Nawaz could do as "executive post", despite his return to the PML-N presidency last month.

gave a plan for economic restoration but no one is here to pay heed," he added.

"Nawaz Sharif's grievance with the na-

"No one is willing to listen to our stance. We

Punjab to equip CTD with modern technology for operations against terrorists



LAHORE: CTD Punjab will get modern equipment and technology for operations against terrorists as the agency requested funds from the Finance Department.

According to the documents, after the meeting between the Additional IG CTD and the Finance Secretary, the funds of the CTD were reduced.

Against the demand of Rs3.81 billion, Rs2.27 billion will be provided to the CTD.

3 of 10 picnickers abducted from Quetta return home

QUETTA: Three of the 10 men abducted last week by unknown armed men from Shaban - a picnic point on the outskirts of Quetta - returned home on Tuesday, officials said.

According to officials, a large number of people went to the Shaban area for picnic last Thursday, during which a group of armed men had encircled the mountains and started checking the national identity cards of the picnickers.

Atajmal confirmed that a search operation by the police and Frontier Corps (FC) was ongoing in Shaban and adjacent areas.

The armed men had separated 14 individuals from the other picnickers after finding Punjab addresses on their identity cards and took them away to an unknown destination.

Among the abductees who returned home this morning was customs official Baser Durrani, and Hasan Raza, while the third individual had not been identified, he said.

The banned Baloch Liberation Army had claimed responsibility for the abductions. Speaking to media today, head of the Levies Control room Muhammad

METRO KARACHI

Man Fatally Struck By A Stray Bullet In Karachi Hospital's Parking Area

KARACHI: A tragic incident unfolded at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in Karachi, where a man lost his life after being hit by a stray bullet in the hospital's parking lot.

the chilling moments preceding the incident, noting intense aerial firing noises shortly before Afzal was struck.

Police are currently scrutinizing CCTV footage from the scene and neighboring

Ji launches 'resistance movement' against power outages, budget 2024



LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has launched a 'resistance movement' with nationwide protests against the prolonged load shedding and the recently proposed budget, which he described is not 'people-friendly', media reported on Tuesday.

While talking to media representatives in Mansoorah, Lahore, Amir Jamaat-e-Islami - Hafiz Naeemur Rehman - has devised a national agenda aimed at peaceful resistance protest.

He highlighted that the JI support the freedom of expression and stressed that their alliance is with the 250 million people of Pakistan.

Announcing to launch the resistance movement, Hafiz Naeemur Rehman stated that the movement will entirely focus on public related issues only and announced a protest outside the offices of electricity distribution companies on June 28, calling for the government to engage in dialogue.

While criticizing the operation 'Azm Istehkam Pakistan', he stated that the JI is

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More than 80 persons affected by gastro in Tando Bago outbreak

By Sher Ali Khawaja

Among those hospitalized at the Taluka Hospital Tando Bago are Anwarzad, Rozina, Saira, Salman, Sara, Nasrin, Kariman, and several others, all suffering from symptoms linked to the gastro outbreak.

hanced healthcare facilities and interventions to manage and contain the outbreak effectively.

TANDO BAGO: A widespread outbreak of gastroenteritis has gripped Tando Bago and its surrounding areas, affecting more than 80 individuals, including men, women, and children.

Local residents have expressed deep concern over the escalating health crisis and have urged called to government hospitals, while an additional 30 are receiving treatment in private medical facilities.

The situation has prompted community leaders and healthcare advocates to rally for swift action, stressing the importance of preventive measures and adequate medical support to alleviate the suffering of those affected by the gastroenteritis epidemic in Tando Bago.

Boy killed, two injured in Tando Bago incident

By Sher Ali Khawaja

Tando Bago for urgent medical treatment.

The collapse occurred on Tuesday, sending shockwaves through the community and prompting swift responses from local authorities.

TANDO BAGO: Tragedy struck village Sonar in Tando Bago as the wall of a home collapsed, claiming the life of a young boy and leaving two others injured.

The injured, named Shanti and Raju, were swiftly transported to Taluka Hospital

The incident has deeply saddened the village of Sonar and neighboring areas, with condolences pouring in for the family of the deceased and prayers for the swift recovery of the injured children.

Three Bodies Discovered In Various Parts Of Karachi

KARACHI: The unsettling trend of bodies being found in Karachi has persisted for the third consecutive day, as media reports confirmed the discovery of three more bodies in different parts of the city on Tuesday.



Rescue officials disclosed that the bodies were found on footpaths located in Manghopir, Orangi Town, and Gulshan-e-Maymar areas.

identities of the deceased individuals and unravel the circumstances surrounding their deaths.

# EDITORIAL

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## Dying on the streets of Karachi like dogs

The mysterious deaths reported daily in Karachi, presumed to be heat-related, expose the government's shameful apathy towards its citizens. In Pakistan, where life often holds little value, the government's indifference to these tragic occurrences starkly illustrates the disconnect between our rulers and the people they are meant to serve. Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, is no stranger to crises. However, the recent spate of deaths is a glaring testament to the deep-seated neglect and chaos that plague our governance.

The Sindh Interior Minister, Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjari, has finally ordered an investigation into these deaths. This reaction, although necessary, is frustratingly delayed and emblematic of a broader

systemic failure. The minister's statement that K-Electric will be held accountable if prolonged load shedding is identified as a primary cause of-



fers a glimmer of hope. Yet, it raises a fundamental question: Why were preventive measures not in place to avoid such a catastrophe in the first place?

For three consecutive days, bodies have been found across Karachi—in Manghopir, Orangi Town, and Gulshan-e-Maymar. These are not just statistics; they are lives lost due to neglect. Res-

cue officials are still identifying the deceased and probing the circumstances of their deaths, but the pattern is clear. The sweltering heat, compounded by relentless load shedding, is creating a lethal environment for the city's most vulnerable residents. The government's response to this crisis has been lethargic and insufficient. This tragedy highlights the perennial state of neglect and apathy that defines our governance. Pakistan is already burdened with countless problems, and it is only a matter of time before this continual disregard for human life leads to an explosive situation. The government must act decisively and urgently to address these issues, not only to prevent further loss of life but to restore a semblance of trust and responsibility in its governance.

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## Shaheed Benazirabad Police arrest seven during ongoing operations

By Farooq Junejo

**SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD:** The excellent operation by the SHO of Airport Police Station led to the arrest of drug dealer Muhammad Arshad Malik during a patrol. Harmful Gutka was recovered from the possession of the arrested suspect, and a case was registered against him under the Narcotics Act. Similarly, the SHO of Balu Ja Quba Police Station arrested drug dealer Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti during a patrol after receiving information Harmful Gutka was recovered from his possession, and a case was registered against him under the Narcotics Act. The excellent

operation by the SHO of Jamal Shah Police Station and his team led to the arrest of Zahid Zardari and Tharo Zardari, who were wanted in the case of the murder of Soomar Zardari a few days ago within the jurisdiction of Jamal Shah Police Station. The search for their accomplices is ongoing. The SHO of Sakrand Police Station arrested drug dealer Sabir Ali during a patrol. Harmful Gutka was recovered from his possession, and a case was registered against him under the Narcotics Act. The excellent operation by the SHO of Kadhar Police Station, based on information received, led to the arrest of suspect Tawangar Khan

Rind. The weapon used in the crime was recovered from his possession, and a case was registered against him under the Sindh Arms Act. The excellent operation by the SHO of Daur Police Station, based on secret information, led to the arrest of drug dealer Faiz Muhammad Bughio. Harmful Gutka was recovered from his possession, and a case was registered against him under the Narcotics Act. In recognition of their excellent performance, SSP Shaheed Benazirabad, Tanveer Hussain Tunio, praised the police team and issued instructions to continue the crackdown with increased rigor.

## National Action Committee delegation calls on HESCO's Kotri XEN



By Shaikh Sindhi

**KOTRI:** A delegation from the National Action Committee of Jamshoro, comprising Abdul Fattah Channa, Aijaz Soomro, Khalid Lashari, Shahbaz Memon, and Asad Chandio, convened a meeting with HESCO XEN Kotri, Munir Panhwar, at Kotri SITE to address concerns regarding unannounced power outages. During the meeting, XEN Munir Panhwar disclosed that upon assuming his recent role, he discovered the Shahbaz subdivision was operating entirely under a contractor system. He emphasized the immediate need to abolish this

system to enhance operational efficiency and achieve a 50% recovery rate. Panhwar pledged to resolve the ongoing power outages within a week and assured the delegation of pursuing legal action against the private contractors responsible for the shortcomings. The meeting between the National Action Committee delegation and XEN Munir Panhwar aims to mitigate the persistent issue of power disruptions in Kotri, reflecting a concerted effort to improve utility service delivery and accountability within the HESCO framework.

## 4th death anniversary of veteran politician, reformist Dr. Abdul Rehman Rind observed

By Ayaz Latif



**MAQSOODO RIND:** The fourth death anniversary of Dr. Abdul Rehman Rind, who was considered a close associate of Rasool Bux Palijo and Shaheed Fazil Rahu, and who endured hardships while striving for the restoration of democracy during the MRD movement, was commemorated with reverence and respect. Various individuals from different areas, including companions from his political journey, as well as academic, literary, and political figures, participated in large numbers. Before the event a procession led by Dr. Abdul Rehman Rind's sons, Bahadur Rind, Haji Bux Ali Rind, Dr. Ubaidullah Rind, and Ayaz Latif Rind, along with various political, social, and literary circles, laid wreaths at his final resting place in Sakhi Sultan Faqir's cemetery. At the event, the central chairman of the Sindh Awami Forum, Habib Jatoi, said that the society needs characters like Dr. Abdul Rehman, who were saviors of the poor. The senior vice president of the central Sindh Hari Committee, Idrees Brohi, said that Dr. Abdul Rehman was a continuation of Comrade Akbar Khan Jatoi, stated that the Sindh land will al-

ways be proud of figures like Dr. Abdul Rehman Rind. Senior politician and president of the Awami Lawyers Forum, Advocate Sattar Sarki, mentioned that he spent 25 years with Dr. Abdul Rehman Rind in the Awami Tehreek and that they had together carried out long marches from Sukkur to Karachi and from Bhishab to Karachi. Despite enduring hardships, Dr. Rind never compromised on his principles. The central chairman of the Sindh Awami Forum, Habib Jatoi, said that the society needs characters like Dr. Abdul Rehman, who were saviors of the poor. The senior vice president of the central Sindh Hari Committee, Idrees Brohi, said that Dr. Abdul Rehman was a continuation of Comrade Akbar Khan Jatoi, stated that the Sindh land will al-

## 17th death anniversary of Hindu community notable Mohan Lal Ratnani observed in Umerkot

By Muhammad Bachal

**UMERKOT:** The 17th death anniversary of Mohan Lal Ratnani, a prominent figure of the Hindu Bajeer community and former personal secretary to federal minister Rana Chander Singh Sodha, was solemnly observed in Umerkot. The commemorative event drew dignitaries from diverse communities, political spheres, and social circles who gathered to honor Ratnani's memory.



The ceremony took place at Ratnani House in Umerkot, where attendees paid heartfelt tributes to the late Mohan Lal Ratnani. Among the notable figures present were Maharaj Chetan Joshi, Dharmadas Narbani, Pir Ahmed Ali Shah Jilani, Suleman Rahmon, Dr. Gangdev Kalani, Mukhi Swaroop Malhi, Brij Lal Maheshwari, Advocate Bhuralal Bheel, Dr. Raees Mahar, Harchand Dodani, Sattar Khoso, Maharaj Harchand, Aidil Jamani, Chetan Suthar, Shiwaram Suthar, Kanji Mal Rakhisar, Sattar Khoso, Hotchand Maheshwari, Girdhari Malhi, and Teerath Sajan

Meghwar. Family members of Mohan Lal Ratnani were joined by significant personalities such as Ramesh Kumar Ratnani, a member of the Municipal Committee, Kanwal Mohan Lal, personal secretary to PPP MPA Rana Hamir Singh Sodha, and Engineer Kanhaiya Mohan Lal, CEO of the Save the Lives Foundation. Speakers at the event highlighted Mohan Lal Ratnani's enduring contribu-

tions and dedicated service to the people of Umerkot and Tharparkar throughout his life. His legacy of compassion, integrity, and commitment to public welfare continues to inspire and resonate deeply within the community. The commemoration concluded with prayers for Ratnani's soul and a renewed pledge to uphold his values of service and harmony among all communities in Umerkot.

## Kunri Police arrest five criminals in ongoing operations



By Muhammad Bachal

**UMERKOT:** In a series of successful operations, SHO Police Station Kunri Iftikhar Bajwa and his team arrested five individuals involved in criminal activities. Among those apprehended was a female drug dealer, Mani Baloch, a resident of Baloch Para, Kunri, who was found in possession of 345 grams of hashish. In addition to this, the police conducted separate raids resulting in the arrests of Mohabbat Makrani, Mu-

sawir Makrani, Hakim Bux, and Gutka supplier Khuda Bux Narejo, all residents of Kunri. These operations led to the recovery of a total of 900 grams of hashish and 500 packets of Gutka from the accused. Separate cases have been registered against all the individuals under the Narcotics Act and the Gutka Act. The Kunri police's swift actions highlight their commitment to combating drug-related crimes and ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.

## Delegation of Sukkur's small traders calls on Sindh Minister Nasir Shah

By Absar Alvi



**SUKKUR:** A delegation of small traders, led by Haji Muhammad Haroon Memon, founder and leader of All Sukkur Small Traders and Cottage Industries, met with Provincial Minister for Energy Syed Nasir Hussain Shah to discuss various issues affecting the business community. During the meeting, Minister Nasir Hussain Shah assured the delegation that the government is committed to resolving all issues faced by traders fairly and without bias. He acknowledged the crucial role played by traders in the economic growth and development of the country, emphasizing that they are the backbone of the economy.

Renowned traders including Malik Rizwanul Haq, Malik Muhammad Javid, and Muhammad Afzal Palanpuri were also present at the meeting. Haji Muhammad Haroon Memon highlighted concerns regard-

ing challenges such as the issuance of challans for publicity board tax and trade license fees, as well as other commercial and civic issues affecting traders in Sukkur. Memon praised the cooperation received from government administration and various departments in Sukkur, noting that more than 66 traders' organizations under All Sukkur Small Traders and Cottage Industries have consistently contributed positively to the city, province, and country. In response, Minister Nasir Hussain Shah ap-

preciated Memon's dedication and service to Sukkur. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to consult and involve traders in decision-making processes, emphasizing that the Pakistan People's Party government values public opinion and aims to govern in the best interest of the people. The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to continue working together for the promotion of public welfare, social initiatives, and economic activities in Sukkur and across Sindh.

## Tando Allahyar Police arrest a drug dealer

By Afaq Khanzada

**TANDO ALLAHYAR:** In a proactive operation directed by SSP Tando Allahyar, Abrez Ali Abbasi, SHO Riaz Ahmed Bijarani, of Nasarpur Police Station successfully apprehended the notorious drug dealer, Hidayatullah Unar. The arrest took place following intelligence operations indicating Unar's involvement

in drug trafficking activities on Bhatki Road. During the operation, the police recovered one kilogram and ten grams of hashish from Hidayatullah Unar. An FIR has been registered against him for his alleged drug trafficking activities. Unar, who had previously evaded capture despite involvement in multiple drug cases, was finally caught due to strategic

planning and swift action by Inspector Riaz Ahmed Bijarani. The news of Hidayatullah Unar's arrest has sent shockwaves through the local drug trade and criminal circles. This decisive action by Tando Allahyar Police underscores their commitment to combating drug trafficking and maintaining law and order in the region.

SPORTS



Semi-final schedule for T20 World Cup 2024 confirmed



NEW YORK: The T20 World Cup 2024 is nearing its end...

Rashid and pacer Naveen-ul-Haq led the way with the ball as both claimed four wickets each.

On the other side, Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS method) in the final Super 8 match of the tournament on Tuesday to qualify for the final four.

For the first time in history, the Rashid Khan-led unit have qualified for the semi-finals of a World Cup.

Bangladesh were bowled out for 105 in 17.5 overs while chasing a target of 116 runs, which was later reduced to 114 in 19 overs due to rain.

Wasim Akram explains why Indian team should visit Pakistan for Champions Trophy 2025

KARACHI: Former Pakistan cricket captain Wasim Akram has expressed hope that the Indian team will visit Pakistan for the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy.



"I believe the Indian team will tour Pakistan next year for the Champions Trophy and witness the excellent arrangements," Akram said during an interview with an international media outlet.

David Warner quietly concludes illustrious international cricket career



SYDNEY: Australian opener David Warner bid farewell to his 15-year international cricket career after Afghanistan bagged a victory over Bangladesh in the ongoing T20 World Cup 2024 on Tuesday, eliminating the Kangaroos from the tournament.

The decision comes as Afghanistan's latest victory marked Australia's exit from the tournament in the Super 8 stage, confirming a subdued farewell for Warner.

With appearances in 110 T20I innings, the 37-year-old opening batsman scored 3,277 runs, including a century and 28 half-centuries, at a formidable strike-rate of 142.47.

He had already announced that the T20 World Cup 2024 would be his last tournament and had played his final ODI in November's World Cup final win over India while his

expected to play all its matches in Lahore. This tournament marks the return of the Champions Trophy after an eight-year hiatus.

The ICC has confirmed the participation of eight teams: Pakistan (host), India, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Afghanistan, England, and Bangladesh.

Pakistan and India have not played a bilateral series since 2013. The Indian team last toured Pakistan for the 2008 Asia Cup.—Agency

Rashid Khan becomes fastest bowler to take 150 T20I wickets



NEW YORK: Afghanistan spin wizard Rashid Khan Tuesday added another feather in his cap by becoming the first bowler to grab 150 wickets in less than 100 T20 international matches.

The Afghanistan skipper became the fastest bowler to take 150 T20I wickets in 92 matches, achieving a historic feat.

The only other bowler to reach this milestone is New Zealand's Tim Southee who bagged 150 wickets in 118 matches. Which means there are just two such bowlers in T20I yet.

Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan is one wicket short of joining the club though. He has played 129 T20I matches.

This was not the only glory in which Afghans basked on Tuesday as Afghanistan for the first time reached T20 World Cup semi-finals after beating Bangladesh in the crucial Super 8 match.

Now, South Africa will face Afghanistan, while England will lock horns with India in the semi-finals. Both matches will be played on June 27.—Agency

Sylvinho 'proud' of Albania players despite early Euros exit



GERMANY: Sylvinho hailed his Albania players despite their early exit from Euro 2024 after losing 1-0 to Spain on Monday and finishing bottom of Group B.

Albania's Euros adventure came to an end in Duesseldorf with Ferran Torres netting the only goal for group winners Spain.

Sylvinho's team finished on just one point but competed in every match in a tough group which also contained international heavyweights Italy and Croatia, even scoring the fastest goal ever scored in a Euros match in their opening 2-1 defeat to the Italians.

"I'm very proud of my players and the country. It's the second time we've played this competition and I've said before and I'm very happy with the country, the federation and the fans," Sylvinho told reporters.

"People would have thought Italy and Croatia would have scored four and five against us but my players believed in the work we were doing.

"We managed to compete against three great national teams, teams that play in quarter-finals and semi-finals." Albania have never played in a World Cup but Sylvinho said that the country is ready for a serious qualification bid for the next tournament which is being held in the USA, Canada and Mexico in 2026.

"The objective of the Albania FA is to do just that, keep playing in important tournaments, to keep improving. We have the right tools for that," added Sylvinho.

"They left everything out on the pitch and they will remember this for the rest of their lives. The next time they come out to play this will be very valuable experience. This is gold for my players, for everybody."—Agency

Malaysia to host 3-day Pakistan Tape Ball Cricket contest



KUALA LUMPUR: For the first time in Malaysia's history, the city of Kuala Lumpur will host a three-day Pakistani tape ball cricket tournament titled "Meri Cricket Meri Jeet," starting on June 28.

This highly anticipated event is organized in collaboration with Bank Al Habib and IPG, a press release said on Monday.

The tournament will feature regional teams from various parts of Pakistan, including Swat, Chitral, Gilgit-Baltistan, Sialkot, Badshah, Rawalpindi Express, Buner Bahadur, Karachi Heroes, Lahore Sherid, and Peshawar Leopards.

Entry to the "Meri Cricket Meri Jeet" festival will be free for cricket fans, with special programmes arranged for families and children.

Pakistani cricket legends Sarfraz Ahmed, Rashid Latif, and Imran Nazir will attend the event to encourage and support the players.

The event will also feature a lucky draw with various prizes, including a grand prize of a return air ticket to Pakistan.

Fans that catch the ball outside the boundary will have the opportunity to take pictures with the legendary Pakistani cricketers.

A joint meeting involving representatives from mainstream Pakistani media houses in Malaysia, the Malaysia Pakistan Business Council, and other dignitaries was held at a renowned Pakistani restaurant in Kuala Lumpur.

The meeting, chaired by Dato' Sri Nazir Mira Salam, Chairman of the Malaysia Pakistan Business Council, reviewed arrangements to promote a positive image of Pakistan through the cricket festival and to strengthen the bonds between the people of Malaysia and Pakistan.

The meeting also discussed plans to welcome Pakistani cricket superstars Sarfraz Ahmed, Imran Nazir, and Rashid Latif.

Dato' Sri Nazir Mira Salam and other officials thanked the organizers for elevating Pakistan's profile abroad and invited the Pakistani community in Malaysia to attend the event in large numbers.—Agency

Costa Rica hold Brazil to a stalemate in Copa America



LOS ANGELES: A lacklustre Brazil launched their Copa America campaign with a dull 0-0 draw against Costa Rica at SoFi Stadium.

Brazil, chasing a 10th Copa America crown, dominated possession and territory in the Group D game but struggled to break down a resolute Costa Rica side.

The Brazilians thought they had taken the lead in the 30th minute after Marquinho tapped in at the back post after a flick on by Rodrigo following a free-kick by Raphinha.

But after an agonising VAR delay, the goal was chalked off for a fractional offside decision as Costa Rica escaped.

That was as good as it got for Brazil, who laboured to break down Costa Rica's defence for the remainder of the game, registering just three shots on target despite enjoying 73.5 percent possession.

Costa Rica were content to sit back, defending in numbers and rarely venturing forward with any purpose.

The Costa Ricans failed to have a single shot on goal for the entire game. The result means Colombia finished the day on top of Group D after collecting all three points in their deserved win over Paraguay at Houston's NRG Stadium.—Agency

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Britney Spears says goodbye to powerhouse attorney Mathew Rosengart

Britney Spears has lost her powerhouse attorney Mathew Rosengart after he helped her get free from 13-year conservatorship in 2021.

As per reports, Rosengart says he wants to move on from the Toxic singer as there is no active litigation involving her conservatorship at the moment and he needs to focus on other clients and cases that require his undivided attention.

Speaking with People Magazine, he expressed his love for the popstar while gushing over her for being an 'icon,' with whom he was 'honoured' to have worked.

He said, "I was honored to work with and protect Britney, who is and will always be an icon, and most specifically, to have helped restore the fundamental rights and civil liberties that were stripped from her, which was always our focus."

Rosengart spoke to the media after having helped Spears get her freedom from conservatorship in 2021, announcing that the singer is a 'free woman.'

"What's next for Britney is up to one person - and this is the first time we can say this in a decade. It's up to Britney," he said at the time. "Britney, as of today, is a free woman."

Expressing her gratitude for the man, Spears took to Instagram in February 2022, three months after her conservatorship was terminated, saying Rosengart "turned her life around."

Jennifer Lopez accepts her fate as Ben Affleck divorce becomes imminent



Jennifer Lopez has finally accepted her fate that her divorce from Ben Affleck is 'imminent' after weeks working hard to make her marriage work.

According to Closer Magazine, JLo has taken a while to get her head around her fourth failed marriage, but now that she has accepted the reality, she is gearing up for the future.

A source close to the diva has revealed that she might leave Los Angeles after her divorce from the Gone Girl actor is finalized.

Speaking of her current condition, the insider said she is reading to move on after putting on a "brave face" on things, but "these past few months have been humiliating."

"She wants to do everything possible to shake off the sadness of this breakup as quickly as she can, so it makes perfect sense to get away from LA," they continued.

Face of the Day



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## Ailing Daulatpur youth's family appeals for his medical treatment

By Aijaz Johkio

DAULATPUR: The family of 16-year-old Habdar Ali, son of Hussain Bhutto, a resident of the village Allah Dino Bhutto in Daulatpur, has made a heartfelt appeal for financial assistance for his medical treatment. Habdar Ali has been suffering from a severe liver disease for the past eight years and is currently admitted to PMC Hospital Nawabshah.



His elderly mother, Nasiban, alongside other family members, has appealed to the Sindh Government for support. They have highlighted the urgent need for treatment, which is estimated to cost between 500,000 to 600,000 rupees. The family, stricken by poverty, has exhausted

all their resources and sold everything they owned, leaving them without even basic necessities. "We are poor and do not have the means to afford such an expensive treatment. We have sold everything in our house, and now we have nothing left even to eat, so how can we arrange for the treatment?" Nasiban pleaded. The family is urging the Sindh Government and concerned authorities to intervene and provide the necessary funds for Habdar Ali's treatment to save his life.

## NWM man protests for recovery of his 14-year-old nephew

By Yousif Rind



NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: Rasool Bux Channa, a resident of village Saeed Khan Channa near Nawab Wali Muhammad, staged a protest in front of the Sindh Press Forum Nawab Wali Muhammad. During the protest, he voiced serious accusations against Ghulam Muhammad Otho, an officer at the Mirzapur police station. Channa claimed that Otho arrested his 14-year-old nephew, Moola Bux Channa, along with his brother, Mir Hazar, due to a personal grudge. According to Rasool Bux, both individuals were subjected to severe torture while in custody. Although Mir Hazar was eventually released, Moola Bux has reportedly disappeared. Despite filing a case in court, Rasool Bux alleges that the police have been threatening and harassing them to withdraw their complaint. In his plea to the media, Rasool Bux demanded justice from higher authorities, warning that he would escalate his protest if necessary measures were not taken to recover his nephew and ensure the accountability of those responsible.

## JI rallies against prolonged power outages in Thul

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) organized a spirited protest and sit-in in Thul to denounce prolonged power outages and unfair billing practices by the SEPCO authorities. The protest, marked by fervent slogan-chanting, started from High School Road and culminated in a sit-in outside the press club.

Speaking to the media, the leaders emphasized that the ongoing load shedding has drastically affected daily life, making it unbearable for residents. They demanded immediate measures to curtail undue load shedding and ensure fair billing practices. The leaders warned that if their demands are not met promptly, the protests would persist to press for their rights and relief from the distress caused by electricity shortages. The protest by Jamaat-e-Islami underscores growing frustrations among residents of Thul regarding the persistent electricity issues, urging swift action from the authorities to address the situation.

## Jashn Eid Ghadir celebrated at Dargah Hazrat Sakhi Moj Darya Shah Rizvi (RA)

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The Sajadanashin Syed Zahid Hussain Shah Rizvi organized a magnificent celebration at the shrine of Hazrat Sakhi Moj Darya Shah Rizvi (RA) in Tando Allahyar to mark Jashn Eid Ghadir. The event witnessed a large gathering of devotees who came together to commemorate this auspicious occasion with joy and reverence. The shrine of Sakhi Moj Darya Shah (RA) and the Imambarah

were adorned with colorful lights and decorations, creating a festive atmosphere. Hazrat Muhammad Ruk delivered a soul-stirring speech, enlightening the audience about the significance of Eid Ghadir and the teachings of Hazrat Ali (AS). Among the distinguished guests were Syed Zahid Hussain Shah Rizvi, Syed Ali Qarar Shah Rizvi, Adeb Riaz Urmani, Syed Shabbir Hussain Shah Rashdi, Syed Misri Shah, Syed Shakeel Shah Rashdi, Syed Babu Shah Rashdi, Faraz Haider Umrani, Syed Naveed Shah Rashdi, Syed Shahid Shah Rashdi, Muhammad Naem, and many others from the community. The celebration of Jashn Eid Ghadir at Dargah Hazrat Sakhi Moj Darya Shah Rizvi (RA) in Tando Allahyar was a testament to the enduring spiritual legacy and unity of the community in honoring Hazrat Ali's (AS) appointment as the successor of Prophet Muhammad (SAWW).

## Tando Jam Police recover a stolen motorcycle



By Irfan Khushk

TANDO JAM: In a commendable operation, the Tando Jam Police have successfully recovered a stolen motorcycle that was taken during a robbery in Tando Adam. The incident, which occurred four days ago, involved a 25-year-old man named Imran Jamali, who was deprived of his motorcycle. The recovery was led by SHO Riaz Ahmed Bhutto and ASI Ateeq Khaskheli. Their diligent efforts culminated in the retrieval of the stolen vehicle, which was subsequently handed over to its rightful owner, Imran Jamali, by SHO Riaz Ahmed Bhutto. This swift action by the Tando Jam Police underscores their commitment to combating crime and ensuring the safety and security of the community.

## TMK Police arrest five for fleeing BISP beneficiaries

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: In a decisive crackdown, Tando Muhammad Khan Police, under the directive of SSP Abid Baloch and led by SHO, conducted a targeted operation resulting in the apprehension of five individuals involved in a scandalous scheme. The arrested suspects, identified as Saifullah Biladi, Nazir Laghari, Shahmir Bhatti, Farman Bhatti, and Farooq Parhari, were found in possession of two HBL devices and a significant amount of cash. The arrests follow allegations that these individuals, entrusted as device holders at the BISP Centre located in the

Mono Technical College Tando Muhammad Khan, systematically deducted stipends intended for women beneficiaries of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). The police action has been swift and thorough, with the accused now facing serious charges for their alleged roles in the fraudulent activity. Authorities have indicated that further investigations are underway to ascertain the full extent of the financial losses inflicted upon the vulnerable beneficiaries of the government support initiative. SSP Abid Baloch expressed his commitment to ensuring justice for the affected beneficiaries, emphasizing zero tolerance for corruption and exploitation of public funds meant to alleviate poverty and support segments of society. The arrested individuals are expected to be prosecuted in accordance with the law, with the police urging anyone with additional information relevant to the case to come forward and assist in bringing all perpetrators to justice. The incident has sparked outrage among local communities, highlighting the critical need for stringent oversight and accountability measures to safeguard welfare programs designed to assist those in need.

## Jacobabad's civil society demands protection amid deteriorating law and order situation

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: The residents of Dinger Muhalla in Jacobabad were horrified by unidentified robbers who recently invaded the home of Jameel Ahmed Soomro, holding the family at gunpoint. The criminals subjected them to violence before fleeing with 10 tolas of gold jewelry and 200,000 rupees in cash. Similarly, in Bolan Muhalla, unknown assailants robbed Shakil Jakhani of his motorcycle at gunpoint and escaped. These incidents of brazen criminality have intensified the sense of fear and insecurity among the people of Jacobabad. They are now urgently calling upon the authorities to restore law and order and ensure the safety of the community. The residents expressed their deep concern over the escalating lawlessness, which has made daily life increasingly precarious. They emphasized the need for immediate action from law enforcement agencies to apprehend the culprits and prevent further incidents. In response to these alarming developments, local leaders and community members have voiced their demands for enhanced security measures and a swift resolution to the growing crime wave plaguing Jacobabad. They are urging authorities to prioritize public safety and restore peace in the region without delay.

## Pithoro Taluka functioning without an Assistant Commissioner, Mukhtiarkar and Town Officer

By M Ismail Khilji

PITHORO: The residents of Pithoro Taluka are facing significant challenges following the transfer of key administrative officials, including the Assistant Commissioner, Mukhtiarkar, Town Officer, and the Medical Superintendent (MS) of the Taluka Pithoro Hospital. The delay in appointing replacements for these vital positions has led to widespread distress among the local population. In the interim, the charge of Assistant Commissioner Pithoro has been assigned to the Assistant Commissioner of Samaro, and the Town Officer's responsibilities have been temporarily

handed over to the Town Officer of Shadi Palli. However, these temporary arrangements have not been sufficient to address the administrative vacuum, leaving many key positions in Pithoro vacant. One of the most pressing issues arising from this situation is the delay in issuing essential student documents, such as domicile and PR certificates. This delay has significantly impacted students' ability to apply for admissions, hampering their educational progress. The lack of a Magistrate and Assistant Commissioner has also caused disruptions in office work, further troubling the local populace. Moreover, the absence of an MS at Pithoro Hospital has exacerbated healthcare issues, as the hospital struggles to cope with the increasing number of patients without proper leadership. The residents are growing increasingly frustrated with the inefficiency and delays that have ensued due to the vacant posts. In light of these difficulties, the residents of Pithoro are urgently calling on the concerned authorities to expedite the appointment of an Assistant Commissioner, Mukhtiarkar, and MS for Pithoro Hospital. They hope that swift action will alleviate their current hardships and restore normalcy to the administration and public services in their area.

## DC Badin Yasir Bhatti reviews arrangements for anti-polio campaign

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Deputy Commissioner Badin, Yasir Bhatti, chaired a crucial meeting in Durbar Hall to oversee the arrangements for the anti-polio campaign commencing on July 1. The campaign is part of a broader outbreak response initiative spanning seven districts of Sindh, including Badin. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Yasir Bhatti underscored the national significance of the anti-polio campaign, urging

all citizens to actively participate and ensure its success. He emphasized the importance of administering anti-polio drops to every child, stressing that collective efforts are essential to eradicate polio and prevent any instances of vaccine refusal within the district. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Kashif Raza Mangi, Additional Deputy Commissioner-II Rajesh Daltap, all Assistant Commissioners of the district, District Health Officer Dr. Zaheruddin Memon, Deputy DEO Primary Qadir Bakhsh Talpur, District Manager PPHI Badin B. Razia Ajan, along with Dr. Rajneesh, Dr. Sanaulah, Dr. Salam, and other concerned officers. The comprehensive review of arrangements and strategic planning during the meeting aims to ensure effective implementation and coverage of the anti-polio campaign in Badin, reflecting the administration's commitment to public health and disease prevention initiatives.

## Kalhor community protests against Kandiaro Police

By Usama Ayaz

KANDIARO: Tension erupted in Kandiaro as members of the Kalhor community staged a protest against the actions of the local police, led by ASI Soomar Metlo. The unrest followed a raid conducted by the police in Hisbani Muhalla, resulting in the arrest of two individuals, Ashiq Kalhor and Noor Hassan Kalhor, who were subsequently taken to an undisclosed location. Expressing their grievances, a large number of Kalhor community mem-

bers gathered for a protest demonstration. They accused the police of forcefully entering the homes of Rajib, Zamir, Umed Ali, Ashiq, and Babar Kalhor during the raid. The protesters alleged that the police not only arrested their men but also conducted a search that led to the seizure of cash and other valuables without providing any explanation about the charges against the arrested individuals. During the protest, community leaders and representatives demanded the immediate release of Ashiq Kalhor and Noor Hassan Kalhor. They called for swift action against the police officials involved in the raid, emphasizing that justice must prevail to prevent further escalation of tensions in the area. In the absence of satisfactory responses from the authorities, the protesters announced their intention to escalate their demonstrations until their demands are met. The situation remains tense as community leaders and local administration seek to resolve the standoff and restore calm in Kandiaro.

## Water shortage intensifies in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The water scarcity crisis in Badin district has reached alarming levels, affecting both drinking water supply and agricultural activities. As June nears its end, the situation has worsened with major canals from the Kotri Barrage, crucial for irrigation, remaining dry. Reports indicate that the Phulli and Akram Canals, which are vital lifelines for irrigating over one lac acres of rice fields in Badin, are completely devoid of water. This dire situation has left several subdivisions includ-

ing Shadi, Talin Ahmed Rajo, Sirani, Golu, Mandhur, Rupa-Mari, Garho-Bohdm, Luari Sharif, Nandu, Khoski, and the entire coastal area grappling with acute water shortages. Farmers in the region are unable to sow crops due to the absence of irrigation water, severely impacting their livelihoods and the local economy. Additionally, residents are facing difficulties accessing safe drinking water, as the underground water sources have turned saline. The community, comprising hundreds of villages dependent on these canals, is bearing the brunt of this crisis. Despite the severity of the situation, the local irrigation department and the Deputy Commissioner (DC) have yet to provide effective solutions or relief measures. The residents and farmers are urging immediate intervention from the authorities to resolve this critical issue before it escalates further and exacerbates the hardship faced by the people of Badin district.

## Man killed in fatal Tando Jam road accident

By Irfan Khushk

TANDO JAM: A tragic accident occurred on the Mirpurkhas-Hyderabad Road, resulting in the death of Mubih Khaskheli, an employee of the Agriculture Research Institute. Khaskheli was hit by a car, sustaining critical in-

juries. Following the accident, he was immediately rushed to a local area hospital. Despite the medical team's efforts, the doctors confirmed his death shortly after arrival. Local residents managed to apprehend the car driver at the scene, although his companion managed to flee. The incident has left the community in shock, mourning the loss of Mubih Khaskheli. Authorities are investigating the accident, and efforts are underway to locate and apprehend the fleeing companion.

## Setharja Police book three pedophiles in a case

By Azhar Kubar

SETHARJA: Setharja Police have taken action on a serious complaint filed by the father of a 10-year-old boy named Azad Junejo, alleging an attempted rape. The case has been registered against pedophiles

Rauf Shaikh, Abdul Waheed Shaikh, and Mujahid Hussain Lund. According to reports, despite the registration of the case, the police have not yet apprehended the accused individuals. This delay has intensified the distress of the victim's parents, who are demanding swift justice from the authorities. The incident has sparked outrage in Setharja, with community members and local residents calling for immediate action to ensure the safety of children and uphold justice in such heinous cases.



