



# THE HEARTLAND



**HYDERABAD:** Prominent political and social leader of Sindh, Muhammad Mohsin Abbasi organized a lovely grand dinner which was nothing short of a culinary nirvana at Magis House in honor of dignitaries. The event was attended by a number of distinguished guests including Tariq Bajari, Haji Nisar Memon, prominent columnist and Advocate of the Sindh High Court Abdul Wahab Munshi, Sardar Faisal Kacheho, Raheel Rahu, Mir Ashan Talpur, Khizar Hayat Mangrio, Ross Mahtani and others.—RT

## Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi Is A National Hero: Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah

**By Raja Zafar Iqbal**

**BADIN:** Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi, a revered figure in Sindh's history, was celebrated as a national hero who will never be forgotten. This declaration was made by Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah, Minister of Culture Sindh, during a commemorative event attended by numerous dignitaries and community members.

The event saw participation from MPA Matali Tanzeela Qambrani, leaders from the Hoshu Action Committee including Chairman Mubarak Ali Sheedi, Zulfikar Sham, and Zamam Sheedi, as well as members of the Sheedi community from various cities across Sindh. Zamam Sheedi warmly welcomed the guests, setting the stage for a series of heartfelt speeches honoring the legacy of Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi.

Addressing the gathering, Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah underscored the enduring legacy of Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi, stating,



"Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi is a national hero and he cannot be forgotten." He further assured the audience that the remaining development work on the martyr's shrine will be completed soon, reinforcing the government's commitment to preserving his memory.

MPA Tanzeela Qambrani also spoke at the event, emphasizing the profound impact of Hosh Muhammad Sheedi's legacy on the identity of the Sheedi community. "Our identity is Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi," she declared, highlighting the deep-rooted significance of the martyr in the cultural and historical fabric of Sindh.

Mubarak Ali Sheedi, Chairman of the Hoshu Action Committee, along with other committee members, also addressed the audience, reiterating their dedication to honoring and preserving the legacy of Hosh Muhammad Sheedi. The event was a poignant reminder of the heroism and sacrifice of Shaheed Hosh Muhammad Sheedi, and the collective resolve to ensure his story continues to inspire future generations. The ceremony concluded with a renewed commitment to complete the development of the martyr's shrine, ensuring that his contributions remain a source of pride and inspiration for all.

## Four Cops Laid To Rest In Kandhkot

**By Aftab Bhatti**

**KANDHKOT:** The somber atmosphere at the SSP office was palpable as funeral prayers were offered for four martyred police officers. The ceremony was attended by a large number of people, including the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Rangers officers, journalists, and citizens, all gathered to pay their respects to the fallen heroes.

The martyred officers, Ghulam Hussain Otho, Muhammad Hussain Gabol, Ata-ur-Rehman Lashari, and Talib Hussain Soomro, were honored with a salute by an alert squad, highlighting their dedication and service to the community.

The tragedy that claimed the lives of these officers occurred when the SSP squad met with an accident due to the breaking of a tire rod of the police patrol mobile. The untimely and devastating incident has left the police force and the community mourning the loss of their brave officers.

The heartfelt tribute at the funeral underscored the officers' commitment and bravery in their line of duty. The large turnout of mourners reflected the deep respect and gratitude felt by the community for the sacrifices made by these officers.

As the families and colleagues of the deceased grieve their loss, the incident also serves as a stark reminder of the risks faced by law enforcement officers in their efforts to maintain peace and order. The community's collective sorrow is accompanied by a call for improved safety measures to prevent such tragic accidents in the future. The four martyred officers were laid to rest with full honors, their legacy of courage and dedication etched in the hearts of those they served and protected. The Kandhkot community stands united in their memory, vowing to support the families left behind and to honor the sacrifice of these brave souls.

## PPP Ladies Wing's Dr. Samina Solangi Lauds Services Of MNA Dr. Nafisa Shah

**By Naz Solangi**

**KUMB:** The central leader of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Dr. Nafisa Shah Jilani, has been praised for her dedication and honesty in political service. Dr. Samina Solangi, leader of the PPP Ladies Wing, expressed high regard for Dr. Nafisa Shah at a recent conference, highlighting her capability and commitment to all responsibilities assigned to her by the party.

Dr. Samina Solangi emphasized the nation's need for exceptional leaders like Dr. Nafisa Shah Jilani, who has consistently demonstrated her dedication, particularly during crises. "Whenever there is a flood in Sindh, she reaches the homes of the people during the ongoing rains and provides relief to them," Solangi stated, applauding Shah's hands-on approach in disaster relief efforts.

The PPP Ladies Wing leader advocated for Dr. Nafisa Shah to be entrusted with more significant responsibilities within the party, believing that her effective leadership and compassion would greatly benefit the people. "We demand that she be given important responsibilities so that she can serve the people," Solangi declared, underscoring the call for Dr. Nafisa Shah's increased role in the party's endeavors.

Dr. Nafisa Shah Jilani's proactive involvement and service during natural disasters have left a lasting impact on the communities she has helped, reinforcing her reputation as a committed and empathetic leader. The call for her to take on more prominent responsibilities reflects the trust and admiration she has earned within the party and among the people.

## Sindh Minister Ali Hassan Zardari Orders Timely Completion Of Development Works

**By Samad Ayaz**

**NAWABSHAH:** Provincial Minister for Works, Services, and Prisons, Ali Hassan Zardari, chaired a crucial meeting at the DC office in Shaheed Benazirabad to review and expedite ongoing developmental projects across Sindh. Emphasizing the Pakistan People's Party's commitment to enhancing public infrastructure and welfare, Minister Zardari underscored the importance of completing projects on time to deliver essential services and facilities to the people.

During the meeting, Minister Ali Hassan Zardari directed officials from Works, Services, and the Sindh Endowment Fund Services to prioritize projects based on merit and ensure their timely execution. He stressed the government's stance on maintaining high standards of quality in all development initiatives, warning of stringent actions against any officials found negligent in their duties. He reiterated that funds allocated for these projects must be used judiciously, with no room for misappropriation.

"Every developmental scheme must adhere to strict quality control measures," Minister Zardari emphasized, highlighting the need for effective oversight in the construction and maintenance of government buildings and public infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad, Nawab Sameer Laghari, alongside officials from various departments involved in the execution of development projects. The gathering concluded with a renewed commitment to ensuring that developmental initiatives under Minister Zardari's purview contribute positively to the welfare and progress of the people of Sindh.



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## President Of Anjuman Safina-e-Ahle Bait Reflects On Martyrdom Anniversary Of Hazrat Meesam Tamar

**By Dildar Ali Samo**

**TANDO ADAM:** On the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of Hazrat Meesam Tamar, a devoted follower of Ameerul Momineen Hazrat Ali Ibn Abi Talib (A.S), President of Anjuman Safina-e-Ahle Bait expressed profound sentiments. Meesam Tamar, known for his unwavering loyalty and companionship, exemplifies the steadfast resolve of those who have faced adversity in the pursuit of truth and justice within the Islamic tradition.

Recalling Meesam Tamar's prophetic insight into his own fate, President Anjuman Safina-e-Ahle Bait recounted how Hazrat Ali (A.S) had foretold his future arrest and martyrdom. Despite knowing his fate, Meesam Tamar embraced his destiny with unwavering faith and devotion, often praying at the palm tree where he would eventually meet his martyrdom.

"Meesam Tamar, also known as Abu Salim, was a rare gem freed from slavery by Ameerul Momineen, who prophesied his imminent martyrdom as a testament to his steadfast support for truth," President Anjuman Safina-e-Ahle Bait remarked. "He accepted his fate with courage, demonstrating profound sacrifice and obedience. The reflections on Meesam Tamar's life serve as a poignant reminder of the resilience and dedication shown by early Islamic figures in upholding principles of justice and righteousness. His legacy continues to inspire reverence and admiration among believers, underscoring the enduring values of sincerity and loyalty within the community of Hazrat Ali's followers.



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## 16-Year-Old Boy Electrocuted By High Tension Electric Wire, Body Left Hanging For 20 Hours

**By Mumtaz Ali**

**TANDO ADAM:** In a heart-wrenching incident within the jurisdiction of Tando Adam's City police station, a young boy, Sultan, son of Ali Gul Shaikh, lost his life after being electrocuted by high tension electric wires in the village of Colonel Hanif. The tragic event occurred when the 16-year-old became entangled in the 11,000-volt wires that run above a mango orchard, leading to his immediate death.

Sultan's body has been hanging from the mango tree for over 20 hours, causing immense distress and anguish for his family and the local community. Despite being promptly informed, neither the police nor the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) officials have taken action to retrieve the boy's body.

Ali Gul Shaikh, the grieving father, spoke to the media amidst tears and profound sorrow. "My son went to offer Friday prayers and never came back. We informed the police and the respectable men of the village, but no one has helped us. For 20 hours, my son's body has been hanging in that tree, and no one has come to help us retrieve him," he lamented, his voice breaking with emotion.

The delay in response has sparked outrage among the villagers, who have gathered at the scene demanding immediate intervention. Community members have expressed their solidarity with the Shaikh family, condemning the authorities for their apparent negligence and lack of urgency.

This incident has heightened severe safety concerns regarding high tension wires running through residential and agricultural areas. Villagers are calling for an immediate review and action to prevent such tragic accidents in the future.

As of the latest reports, Sultan's body remains suspended in the tree, with the community anxiously awaiting the authorities to fulfill their responsibilities. The prolonged ordeal has deepened the family's grief, leaving a scar on the village of Colonel Hanif and raising serious questions about the efficiency and empathy of the local authorities.

## Tando Jam Residents Protest Against Prolonged Power Outages

**By Ifan Khushk**

**TANDO JAM:** Frustration boiled over in Tando Jam city and its surrounding areas as residents took to the streets to protest against severe and prolonged load shedding. The demonstrators blocked the road at Khisana Mori, voicing their anger and dissatisfaction with the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) for its failure to provide a stable power supply.

Residents of Khisana Mori reported receiving electricity for only 2 hours out of every 24 hours, a situation that has pushed them to the brink. They expressed their profound distress, highlighting the compounded difficulties of living without electricity. "There is no water in our homes, and we don't know where to take our children in this scorching heat," one protester lamented.

The severe power outages have disrupted daily life, making it nearly impossible for residents to perform basic tasks and meet essential needs. The lack of electricity has also affected local businesses, exacerbating the economic hardships faced by the community.

Angry residents accused WAPDA officials of incompetence and neglect, stating that their lives have been made miserable by the ongoing power crisis. "WAPDA officials have turned our lives into a nightmare. We appeal to the authorities and our elected representatives to take immediate notice and action," another protester urged.

The protest at Khisana Mori brought traffic to a standstill, as residents demanded a swift resolution to the power issues that have plagued them for far too long. The community's unified stand reflects their desperation and determination to see tangible improvements in their electricity supply.

This incident underscores the broader issues of infrastructure and governance in the region, prompting calls for urgent intervention and long-term solutions to prevent such crises in the future. The residents of Tando Jam and its surrounding areas hope their voices will be heard and that effective measures will be taken to restore normalcy and ensure a reliable power supply.

## -Two Rado watches and an iPhone also demanded as part of the ransom

## Kidnappers Send Video Of Abducted Khoso Community Notable To His Family

**By Khair Muhammad Golo**

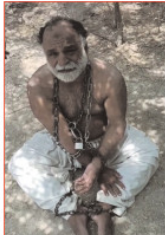
**THUL:** The distressing saga of a kidnapped Khoso community notable continues as the abductors have sent a video of the victim being tortured to his family, along with a list of ransom demands. Landlord Behram Khoso, who was abducted 20 days ago from the village of Pyaro Khoso, within the jurisdiction of RD-52 Police Station near Thul, has yet to be recovered.

The video, which has caused great anguish to Behram Khoso's family, shows him chained and subjected to torture by the kidnapers. In the footage, Khoso pleads with his family to meet the captors' demands to secure his release. The kidnapers are demanding a ransom of one crore rupees, two Rado watches, and an iPhone. They have also issued threats of severe consequences if their demands are not fulfilled.

Behram Khoso's family is devastated by the video and the harrowing situation. When contacted, his son and brother, Ayub Khoso, confirmed the receipt of the video. "We have received a video showing Behram Khoso chained and being tortured by the kidnapers. They are demanding one crore rupees, two Rado watches, and an iPhone," Ayub Khoso said. The family is urgently appealing for help in recovering Behram Khoso and ensuring his safe return.

Despite the family's distress and the severity of the situation, the police have not yet been able to secure Khoso's release. The lack of progress has intensified the family's despair, as they anxiously await any development in the efforts to bring him home safely.

This incident has sparked widespread concern and calls for increased action from law enforcement authorities to combat kidnapping and ensure the safety and security of citizens. The Khoso family, along with the broader community, hopes for a swift and peaceful resolution to this traumatic ordeal.



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## Preparations For Monsoon Rains Intensify In Matiari District

**By Sajid Ali Abbasi**

**MATIARI:** With the monsoon season looming, the Public Health Engineering Department and Local Government institutions in Matiari district have ramped up efforts to ensure readiness. Activities such as desilting, dewatering, cleanliness, and machinery repairs are being accelerated across the district to mitigate potential flooding and sanitation issues.

Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Younis Shaikh, accompanied by Executive Engineer Public Health Waheed Arbab, Town Officer Israr Hyder, and Assistant Commissioner Abdul Sattar Shaikh, recently conducted an inspection of drainage disposals and dewatering stations in Talua Matiari. Shaikh stressed the critical need for thorough preparations in anticipation of heavy monsoon rainfall, emphasizing zero tolerance for any lapses in readiness.

Commending the ongoing progress, Shaikh highlighted the importance of ensuring the safety of sanitation workers involved in these hazardous tasks. He underscored the provision of safety kits to protect them from health risks associated with exposure to contaminated water.

Executive Engineer Waheed Arbab reported significant advancements in desilting, dewatering, and cleanliness efforts, noting that these critical tasks are nearing completion well ahead of the peak monsoon period. Skilled labor has been mobilized to efficiently clean and desilt drainage systems at various disposal sites across the district.

The proactive measures taken by authorities aim to safeguard communities from potential flooding and health hazards during the monsoon season. With preparations progressing swiftly, Matiari district is gearing up to face the challenges posed by the upcoming weather conditions, ensuring resilience and safety for its residents.

## FIR Registered In Murder Of GDA Leader Haji Khuda Bakhsh And His Guard

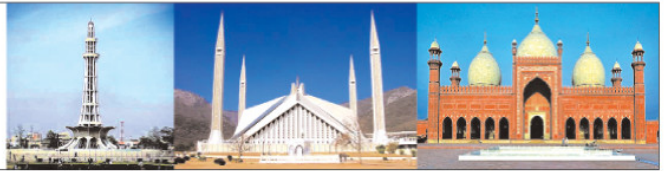
**SANGHAR:** Media reports on Sunday confirmed that six suspects have been nominated in the murder case of Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA) leader Haji Khuda Bakhsh and his security guard. The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of Khai police station.

Former Nazim of taluka Khipro, Haji Khuda Bakhsh, along with his security guard, was tragically murdered yesterday. The names of the accused nominated in the FIR include Ali Hassan Mari, Faiz Mohammad, Gul Mohammad, Sobhat Mari, Sheroo Mari, and Kando Mari.

Authorities informed that two of the accused were apprehended yesterday, with efforts underway to locate the remaining four suspects.

The GDA leader and his guard were attacked while walking on his land, resulting in their untimely demise. A significant number of GDA and Hurr Jamaat supporters gathered at Khipro Civil Hospital upon the arrival of the bodies for medico-legal formalities.—RT

# NATIONAL



## CTD Eliminates 124 Terrorists, Arrests 322 In KP During First Six Months

PESHAWAR: A total of 124 terrorists have been killed and 322 have been arrested in the first six months of the year 2024 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province, media reported on Sunday.

The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has released the details of operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province this year according to which a total of 1,433 operations were conducted and thwarted 55 terrorist attacks, 124 terrorists were killed while 322 were arrested.

The CTD report stated that Peshawar was saved



from a major attack by arresting two suicide bombers.

The commanders and associates of terrorists groups, identified as Mohsin Qadir, Betni Padakye, Tipu Gul, Zabar Group, Sunta, TTP Gandapur Group were killed during the operations.

Apart from this, 14 suspects involved in the smuggling of explosives were also arrested.

According to the CTD officials, the authorities also fixed bounty on the heads of 18 most wanted terrorists out of which eight of them were killed while 10 were arrested.—RT/Agency

## Passenger Bus Catches Fire Near Toba Tek Singh

TOBA TEK SINGH: In a distressing event, a Vehari-bound passenger bus caught fire near Toba Tek Singh, media reported on Sunday.

According to details, Vehari-bound passenger bus from Islamabad caught fire near Toba Tek Singh, which the Motorway Police quickly extinguished.

46 passengers were safely evacuated from the fire-affected passenger bus.

Earlier this year, a passenger bus fell into gorge near Lasbela.

The ill-fated passenger coach was coming to Karachi from Quetta when it lost control due to over-speeding and fell into a gorge and caught fire.

Assistant commissioner Lasbela confirmed that 40 bodies were retrieved from the gorge. The bodies were moved to Lasbela Civil Hospital, while two injured have been shifted to Karachi.—RT/Agency

## Maryam Emphasizes Robust Parliament As Essential For Safeguarding Human Rights

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has stated that parliament serves as the cornerstone of democracy, safeguarding the principles of justice and equality within society.

In her message marking the International Day of Parliamentarism, the chief minister paid tribute to the members of the national and provincial assemblies, underscoring the significance of renewing their commitment to uphold democratic principles.

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strength of democracy lied in the vitality of parliamentary institutions.

Maryam also announced the establishment of a parliamentary development unit in the Punjab Assembly, aimed at supporting assembly members in accordance with democratic principles.—RT/Agency

## METRO KARACHI

## Newport University Students Illuminate The Globe, Declares Minister Nasir Shah

KARACHI: Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Provincial Minister for Energy, Development, and Planning Sindh, lauded the achievements of Newport University students who have been excelling both domestically and internationally, bringing pride to their country and nation.

Minister Nasir Shah attributed this success not only to the university and its teachers but also to the relentless efforts of parents who have supported and nurtured their children to become successful individuals.

Speaking as a special guest at the certificate distribution ceremony of the Port Institute of Communication and Economics, Minister Nasir Shah highlighted the dedication and hard work of students who



have diligently pursued their studies under the guidance of their parents and teachers. He emphasized that the day was a culmination of students' and parents' dreams, underscoring the Sindh government's commitment to enhancing educational standards.

Minister Nasir Shah noted the positive development of having five universities in Sukkur and encouraged students to showcase their talents in their respective fields, thereby enhancing not only the reputation of their university but also bringing honor to their parents, teachers, and the nation.

He congratulated the award recipients and personally distributed certificates to the successful students at the event.—RT/Agency

## Lahore Airport to Close For Three Hours Daily During Monsoon Rains For Safety



LAHORE: The Allama Iqbal International Airport will be closed daily for three hours during the monsoon season, from 5:00 am to 8:00 am for safety reasons, effective from July 10 to September 10. The CAA has notified domestic and international airlines about this precautionary measure to ensure the safety of passengers.—RT/Agency

## Punjab Plans To Recruit 30,000 School Teachers

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to recruit 30,000 new school teachers, as students were facing shortage of teachers, media reported.

The Punjab Education Department official sources told APP on Sunday that in order to improve the quality of education and overcome shortage of teachers, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has recently given task to the Punjab education minister to recruit new teachers.

The recruitment process is being carried out after seven years, the sources said. The recruitment process will be carried out through the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) in phases. Sources said the recruitment process was likely to be completed during the summer vacation 2024.—RT/Agency

## 20 Inmates Escape From Rawalakot Jail After Holding Cops Hostage

RAWALAKOT: Over 20 inmates escaped from Rawalakot District Jail after taking the police personnel hostage, media reported.

As per details, the police officials stated the prisoners opened fire on cops, injuring one inmate who was arrested later.

The escaped prisoners include dangerous criminals, according to police. A shootout exchange occurred between police and prisoners on the outskirts of the city, killing one inmate.

Most of the escaped prisoners were serving life sentences or facing death penalties. The police are working to track down the fugitives and restore order in the area.

The police have released a list of the escaped prisoners and a heavy contingent has been deployed in the area. A search operation is underway to recapture the fleeing inmates, SSP



Rawalakot said.

According to police, the deceased prisoner was arrested in a drug trafficking case. The district jail staff has been taken into custody, and an investigation is underway.

In a separate incident, several inmates escaped the prison in Balochistan's Chaman after overpowering guards when they were allowed out of cells for Friday prayers.

The incident unfolded as the inmates of barrack No. 4 were being led out for prayers. Seizing a moment of opportunity, the prisoners launched a sudden and coordinated attack on the prison guards, overpowering them and taking control of the situation.

Sources within the prison reported that many of the prisoners involved in serious criminal cases, including murder and other heinous crimes, had been housed in barrack No. 4.

The prison authorities revealed that one inmate was killed in the ensuing retaliatory gunfire by the police. Two others sustained injuries during the clash and are currently receiving medical treatment.—RT/Agency

## Additional IG Police Launches State-Of-The-Art ANPR CCTV Command Centre In Korangi

KARACHI: Mr. Imran Yaqoob Minhas, Additional IG Police, lauded the Community Policing Karachi (CPK) for its pivotal role as a communication and service conduit between law enforcement agencies and civil society. He made these remarks during the inauguration of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras Command & Control Centre at the Korangi Industrial Area Police Station.

The ceremony, jointly inaugurated by Murad Ali Soni, Chief CPK, Aamir Chottani, Deputy Chief, Zeeshan Habib, Chief DHA, and the CPK team overseeing the ANPR installation, marked a significant step towards enhancing surveillance capabilities in the area. Additional IG Minhas underscored the importance of such technological advancements in combating illegal activities and apprehending criminals.

Guests of honor included CAPT (R) Ghulam Asfar Mehasar, DIG East, Touheed Rehman Memon, SSP Korangi, Zahid Hameed, Chief CPK Korangi, and other dignitaries from CPK Korangi, who were present at the event.



Additional IG Minhas presented mementos to Murad Ali Soni in recognition of CPK's efforts.

The ANPR CCTV Command Centre is expected to bolster security measures in Korangi Industrial Area, aligning with efforts to ensure public safety and maintain law and order in Karachi.—RT/Agency

## Sardar Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar Strongly Condemns Police Raids At Bhootani House

KARACHI: President of All Kakar Tribes' Federation and Secretary General of Balochistan Youth Front, Sardar Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar while talking to the media has condemned the police raids in the Bhootani House. He added that Sardar Saleh Bhootani and Aslam Bhootani are very respectable citizens and they have always played role for maintenance of peace and provision of rights to the people. He added that the all Kakar tribes stand with Sardar Saleh Bhootani and Aslam Bhootani.—RT/Agency



## Pakistani Researchers Win Prestigious UK Award For Outstanding Team Impact

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani researchers have been honored with a prestigious UK Award for their exceptional team impact. The international project, supported by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) through the MRC and spearheaded by Durham University, UK, has united leading scientists from the UK, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, and Pakistan in combating protozoan Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) such as leishmaniasis and Chagas disease.

The award recognizes the team's remarkable success in integrating diverse expertise across various scientific disciplines, under the exemplary leadership of Prof. Iqbal Choudhary. This achievement not only acknowledges the team's significant contributions but also brings pride to Pakistan's academic and scientific communities.

The academic fraternity of Pakistan has extended hearty congratulations to Prof. Dr. Iqbal Choudhary and his team for this prestigious accolade, affirming their pivotal role in global medical research.—RT/Agency



## ANF Stops Major Drug Smuggling Attempt In Karachi

KARACHI: The Anti Narcotic Force (ANF) on Sunday conducted an operation and thwarted an international drugs smuggling attempt from Karachi to Qatar, media reported.

As per the ANF spokesperson, a container of potatoes bound for Ras Al Khair, Qatar was intercepted on a tip-off while carrying on an operation at the Karachi Gateway Terminal by the Port Control Unit (PCU).

Over the inspection of the container, the PCU officials



found a huge amount of ICE [methamphetamine] drugs cleverly concealed inside the potatoes.

As per the initial investigation the cargo container was loaded from a warehouse in Dipalpur city of Punjab, meanwhile, the authorities have started an investigation into the matter to identify and arrest those responsible in the drug smuggling.—RT/Agency

## Two TTP Facilitators Arrested In Dramatic Karachi Raid



KARACHI: Two facilitators of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) were arrested in Sohrah Goth area of Karachi.

According to the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), the arrested suspects, identified as Hasan Gul Mehsud and Bashir Ahmed, had been listed in the fourth schedule by the Sindh government for aiding terrorists.

A significant amount of money intended for supporting terrorist activities was recovered from the suspects. Two 9mm pistols were also seized during the operation.

The CTD spokesperson said that the suspects were operating an illegal truck stand in Gulzar Hijri area, adding that profits from this operation were used by the TTP to financially support its operatives within Pakistan.

Cases related to terror-funding and possession of illegal arms had been filed against the suspects at the CTD police station.—RT/Agency

## First Early Childhood Education Centre Ready For Inauguration

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training on Sunday announced that the first Early Childhood Education Centre is complete and ready for inauguration by the Education Minister on Tuesday.

The spokesman of the Ministry said that this milestone marked a significant step forward in the Ministry's efforts to revolutionize early childhood education in Pakistan.

The Centre, designed to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for young children, sets a



new standard for early schools would be ready by childhood education in the August 1st, as part of its comprehensive plan to expand early childhood education nationwide. The spokesman added that it was pleased to announce that 100 more

# EDITORIAL

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## Free and fair elections are the only way forward

Maulana Fazlur Rehman's call for new general elections in Pakistan is emerging as a crucial proposition in addressing the multifaceted challenges plaguing the nation. The current government, born from the contentious February 8 elections, remains mired in controversy and doubt. The credibility of these elections has been questioned domestically and internationally, as highlighted by the recent U.S. House of Representatives resolution urging Pakistan to uphold democratic institutions and human rights.

The economic instability gripping Pakistan is a direct consequence of the ongoing political turmoil. Investors, both local and international, are hesitant to commit resources in an environment of uncertainty. Maulana Fazlur Rehman's insistence on transparent

elections is a pragmatic step towards restoring faith in Pakistan's governance. Political stability, achieved through legitimate and interference-free elections, is



indispensable for economic recovery. A government with a clear mandate can make decisive policy changes, attract foreign investment, and implement reforms needed to stabilize the economy. Furthermore, the legitimacy of the February 8 elections is further undermined by the growing internal dissent within the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the lack of a unified front. The inability of the PTI to form a ne-

gotiating team underscores the paralysis affecting the current leadership. Maulana Fazlur Rehman's stance, supported by the JUI-F and echoed by significant segments of the population, reflects a broader demand for genuine representation and accountability.

The call for new elections is not merely a political maneuver but a necessary step towards restoring democratic integrity and fostering national unity. By addressing the electoral grievances and ensuring a transparent voting process, Pakistan can pave the way for a stable government capable of tackling economic challenges, restoring investor confidence, and ultimately, securing a prosperous future for its citizens. The urgency for free and fair elections cannot be overstated; it is the foundation upon which Pakistan's stability and progress hinge.

# GLOBAL WATCH

-Can you believe this?

## Special Education Teacher In US Charged With Sexually Assaulting Minor Student

NEW JERSEY: A special education teacher at an intermediate school in New Jersey was arrested for an alleged sexual relationship with a student, according to authorities. 43-year-old Allison Havemann-Niedrach at Freehold Intermediate School was charged with first-degree aggravated sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child, Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond S. Santiago announced.



According to the New York Post, she was arrested earlier this week after an investigation revealed that she allegedly began sexually abusing her student earlier this year. However, authorities did not say how the conduct came to light or how many times she had assaulted the student. The age of the alleged victim has also not been revealed, but grades six through eight attend Freehold Intermediate School. She is currently being held at the Monmouth County jail in Freehold Township, pending a first appearance and detention hearing. A hearing will be conducted to determine whether she will continue to be detained while awaiting trial.

public to provide more information about her activities. "Anyone with information about Havemann-Niedrach's activities is being urged to contact MCPO Detective Dawn Correia at 800-533-7443," the release read. As per her LinkedIn profile, Havemann-Niedrach has been a special education teacher at Freehold Intermediate School since March 2022. She has been a teacher or a substitute teacher at several schools dating back to 2008, according to her profile. The teacher describes herself as: "Passionate, results-driven, and sincere educator. Poised and competent and thrives in performance-driven environments. Demonstrated history of a 'do what it takes' work ethic and truly differentiated in-

struction." After the arrest, Asia Michael, the superintendent of the Freehold Borough School District sent an email to staff and parents that read, "We have been informed that a former staff member has been arrested on allegations of third-degree aggravated sexual assault and inappropriate sexual conduct with a minor. Please be assured that our district has been fully cooperative with the prosecutor's office since the outset of this investigation. The safety and well-being of our students and staff have been our top priority, and we took immediate measures to ensure their protection." The teacher's attorney, meanwhile, said in a statement that she "maintains her innocence" and refused to comment further.—Agency

## String of Nigeria suicide attacks kill at least 18

At least 18 people were killed and 19 seriously wounded in suicide attacks targeting a wedding, a hospital and a funeral in northeastern Nigeria on Saturday, authorities said.



The region has been scarred by more than a decade of violence by the militant group Boko Haram, which did not immediately claim responsibility for the string of attacks.

In one of three blasts on Saturday in the town of Gwoza, a woman with a baby strapped to her back detonated explosives in the middle of a wedding ceremony, according to a state police spokesman.

At about 3:45pm (2:45pm GMT) a woman carrying a baby on her back detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) she had on her at a crowded motor park. Borno State police spokesman Nahum Kenneth Daso said.

Women suicide bombers also targeted a hospital in the same town, which lies across

the border from Cameroon. Another attack was later carried out at the funeral for victims of the wedding blast, authorities said. At least 18 people were killed and 42 others injured in the spate of attacks, according to the Borno State Emergency Management Agency (Sema). "So far, 18 deaths comprising children, men, females and pregnant women" have been reported, agency head Barkindo Saidu said in a report seen by AFP. Nineteen "seriously injured" people were taken to the regional capital Maiduguri, while

## 40th convention of SANA held in Canada



WASHINGTON DC: 40th three-day annual convention of the Sindh Association of North America (SANA) concluded in Canada on Sunday. The convention had begun on the 28th June under the supervision of the organizing committee members Zahid Malik, Noman Shaikh and Atta Mallah. General Secretary of SANA, Mushtaq Rajpar said that different sessions were held during the three-day convention in which the speakers from Sindh Pakistan, US and Canada addressed the gatherings. On the occasion, Imam Shaikh, Prof Nadeem Jamali, Hamid Mir, Jami Chandio, Prof Subhash Bijlani, SANA President Dr Maqbool Halepoto addressed the sessions.

## -Everyone knows Sleepy Joe is toast in November after his senior moment in the debate

### Democrats Rally Behind Biden After Shaky Debate Performance With Trump



Washington: Democratic leaders rallied Sunday behind US President Joe Biden following his poor debate performance last week, as the White House denied a report he was meeting with family to assess his candidacy. No major party figures have broken ranks to call for Biden to step down, with prominent Democrats including past presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton voicing full-throated support amid a torrent of doubts from everyday Americans -- and even a call from the New York Times editorial board to move aside.

The wave of party backing follows the 81-year-old's stumbling performance Thursday in the debate against Republican candidate Donald Trump, in which Biden often hesitated, tripped over words and lost his train of thought, highlighting concerns about his age.

"It's not about performance in terms of a debate, it's about performance in a presidency," Representative Nancy Pelosi, the former House speaker, told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday.

Biden and his family traveled to the Camp David presidential retreat late Saturday, where NBC News reported he was expected to assess the future of his reelection campaign following his performance.

White House senior deputy press secretary Andrew Bates, however, posted on X that the trip had been planned since before the debate, questioning the publication and claiming it had failed to ask for comment on the matter.—Agency

# THE HEARTLAND

## Kidnappers Kill One Boy, Demand Rs 1 Crore For Other's Release In Thul

By Khair Muhammad Golo



THUL: In a chilling turn of events, two young boys abducted from Fateh Muhammad Banglani village, within the jurisdiction of B-Section police station, have faced a grim fate. The kidnappers have claimed to have killed one of the boys and are demanding a ransom of one crore rupees for the release of the other.

Two weeks ago, Qadir and Nadir Banglani went missing while returning to their village from Thul. The families of the boys have since been living in a state of anguish and uncertainty. Recently, the kidnappers contacted the families, delivering the harrowing news that one of the boys had been killed. They demanded a ransom of one crore rupees for the safe return of the other boy.

The families of the abducted boys confirmed receiving the devastating phone call. "We have been

informed that one of our boys has been murdered, and the kidnappers are demanding a ransom of one crore rupees for the release of the other," a family member stated, overwhelmed with grief and fear. The brutal nature of this crime has sent shockwaves through the community, raising urgent calls for action from law enforcement to apprehend the culprits and rescue the surviving boy. The local police are under increasing pressure to swiftly

respond and ensure the safety of the remaining captive while bringing the perpetrators to justice. This tragic incident underscores the dire security situation in the region, prompting appeals for enhanced measures to protect citizens from such heinous acts. The families of Qadir and Nadir Banglani, along with the entire community, are left in a state of mourning and desperation, hoping for a resolution to this traumatic ordeal.

## 2 Killed, 2 Injured In Fatal Pir Jo Goth Road Mishap

By Abdul Qudoos Khilji

PIR JO GOTH: A tragic accident near Pir Jo Goth resulted in the deaths of two individuals and left two others seriously injured. The collision occurred between a tractor trolley and a motorcycle near the Gul Hassan Shah police post. The victims of this devastating mishap include 55-year-old Ghulam Shabbir Khakhrani and a 5-year-old child, Soobedar Khakhrani, both of whom died on the spot. The accident also left Sanwal Khakhrani and

Naseer Khakhrani critically injured. Upon receiving the distressing news, the Pir Jo Goth police, along with the family members, promptly arrived at the scene. The deceased and the injured were immediately transferred to Pir Jo Goth Hospital. Due to the severity of their injuries, Sanwal and Naseer Khakhrani were subsequently moved to Khairpur Hospital, where they remain in critical condition. The incident has caused significant distress and uproar within the victims'

home. Reports indicate that the Khakhrani family had been visiting relatives in Shahpur and were on their way back to their village when the fatal accident occurred. The tragic collision has underscored the urgent need for improved road safety measures in the area to prevent such heart-wrenching incidents in the future. The community mourns the loss of Ghulam Shabbir and young Soobedar, while anxiously hoping for the recovery of the injured family members.

## Tragic Accident Claims Four Policemen's Lives In Sindh

KANDHKOT: A tragic incident unfolded in Kandhkot city of Sindh as four policemen lost their lives and three sustained injuries when their police mobile patrolling vehicle overturned, according to media reports on Sunday. Reports indicate that

the police mobile overturned on the Indus Highway near Kandhkot after its tire broke during patrol duty. Rescue officials swiftly responded to the accident, confirming the unfortunate deaths of four policemen while three others sustained

injuries. The bodies of the deceased were transported to the Civil Hospital Kandhkot by rescue teams. SSP Kashmir more stated in a press release that after funeral prayers, the bodies of the policemen were respectfully sent to their respective native villages.—RT

## "Hostile State Actors": UK Warns Of Russian Interference In General Election

London: Britain's deputy prime minister warned Sunday that the country's upcoming general election faces threats from hostile actors such as Russia seeking to influence the UK's democratic process. The country will go to the polls on Thursday, in an election expected to oust the governing right-wing Conservatives and put the opposition Labour party in

power. His comments came after the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported that it had uncovered five Facebook pages spreading the same pro-Kremlin talking points. Some of them encouraged support for the hard-right Reform UK party led by Brexitite Nigel Farage -- a big challenger to the ruling Conservatives in Thursday's elections, and indeed we see it in this election from hostile state actors seeking to influence the outcome of the election campaign." Oliver Dowden told Sky News. "Russia is a prime example of this, and this is a classic example from the Russian playbook," he added, noting however that the examples were "relatively typical, low-level stuff".—Agency

SPORTS



Ronaldo's ex-teammate defends his controversial reaction to substitution



Cristiano Ronaldo's ex-Manchester United teammate Wes Brown came to his defence after he gave a controversial reaction to his substitution in the 66th minute of Portugal's Euro 2024 qualifier against Georgia.

Suryakumar's match-winning catch stirs controversy after T20 World Cup victory

BARBADOS: After India were crowned champions at the T20 World Cup 2024 with a seven-run victory over South Africa, the last-over catch by their player Suryakumar Yadav sparked a controversy.



The 33-year-old cricketer helped his side seal the victory at the Kensington Oval, Barbados, on Saturday night as he took a stunning catch in the final over, dismissing David Miller, when the Proteas needed 16 runs to win.

took the match-winning catch. As per the ICC's playing conditions, the cushion is considered the boundary and not the white line which can be seen in the pictures. Section 19.3 states: 'If a solid object used to mark the boundary is disturbed for any reason, then the boundary shall be considered to be in its original position.'

James Anderson included as England name 14-man squad for first Two tests against West Indies



England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced a 14-man squad for the first two Tests against West Indies with the first Test starting on July 10 at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Pakistan name squad for ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup



KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday announced a 14-member squad under the leadership of Nida Dar for the ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup, which will be held in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, from 19 to 28 July.

After Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja also quits T20I

BARBADOS: Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja joined star batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma in stepping down from the T20 Internationals a day after Men in Blue defeated South Africa to win coveted title in the shortest format.



player had featured in any T20Is following India's semi-final defeat in the 2022 T20 World Cup, and they only resumed playing T20Is in January this year, with their focus on the 2024 T20 World Cup.

Germany beats Denmark 2-0 to secure Euro 2024 quarterfinal spot



DORTMUND: The UEFA EURO 2024 Round of 16 match between Germany and Denmark resumed after a suspension due to heavy rain at Signal Iduna Park in Dortmund.

Mohammad Ali added to Pakistan Shaheens squad for Darwin tour

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday added Test fast bowler Mohammad Ali to the Pakistan Shaheens' squad for the upcoming tour to Darwin under the supervision of red-ball coach Jason Gillespie.



Bangladesh 'A', which finishes on 29 July, to assume responsibilities as the national side's head coach and commence preparations for the two-Test series against Bangladesh.

Face of the Day



Name: Zayan Location: Karachi About me: Strike a pose if you love modeling like me!

REGIONAL TIMES ENTERTAINMENT

America's sweetheart Taylor Swift shares surprising story behind hit album 'Folklore'



Taylor Swift delighted fans during her Eras Tour stop in Dublin on Saturday. During the second night of her Dublin shows, Swift revealed the inspiration behind 2020 album Folklore.

Jennifer Lopez fumes over villain label amid pending divorce



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez's marriage is reportedly at its end, and they are both equally devastated, while the latter is said to be frustrated over being called a 'difficult one' in the union.

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# METRO KARACHI



KARACHI: President PTI Sindh Haleem Adil Shaikh is addressing a press conference at Insaaf House.—RT

## PPDA Exposes Truth Behind Hasan Shah And Associates



KARACHI: The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has categorically dissociated itself from Hasan Shah and four other individuals, namely Khawaja Atif, Zaheer Paracha, Humayun Khan, and Nauman Butt. PPDA Chairman Abdul Sami Khan addressed concerns during a meeting, clarifying that Hasan Shah falsely claims affiliation as a focal person for the association, a role he does not hold. Several newspapers have erroneously published statements attrib-

uted to him in this capacity. Abdul Sami Khan emphasized that neither Hasan Shah nor his associates have any official connection with the PPDA, nor are they authorized representatives or members of the association. He stated unequivocally that their actions and statements do not reflect the PPDA's official stance. Present at the meeting were Malik Khuda Bakhs, Tariq Hasan, Anwar Kamal, and other members. Chairman Abdul Sami Khan reaffirmed that only individuals

authorized by him should be recognized as legitimate representatives of the PPDA. He cautioned the public against engaging with Hasan Shah and his associates in any dealings purportedly involving the PPDA, warning that such actions carry inherent risks and liabilities. The PPDA, under Abdul Sami Khan's leadership, remains committed to upholding its integrity and ensuring that only duly authorized individuals represent the association in any official capacity.—RT

## PIA Slashes Fares For Umrah Pilgrims In Unprecedented Move



KARACHI: Pakistanis willing to perform Umrah in the coming month can now get the tickets at discounted prices till July 15 as the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) slashed the fares for the lesser pilgrimage. A PIA spokesperson said Sunday that Umrah pilgrims going to Madina from Pakistan would benefit from discounted fares.

As per the slashed fares, the two-way ticket from Lahore, Islamabad to Madina would cost Rs86,000, while the two-way ticket from Karachi to Madina would be cost Rs76,000. The said rates are exclusive of taxes. Earlier, the Umrah ticket was available for Rs120,000. The spokesperson revealed that the discounted fares have been applied immediately, and will remain in effect till July 15, the spokesperson added. The Umrah pilgrimage is undertaken year-round in the Grand Mosque of Makkah. The new Umrah season started earlier this month, right after 1.8 million Muslims from all over the world undertook the annual Hajj pilgrimage. It may be noted that Saudi Arabia is reportedly seeking to increase the number of Muslims performing Umrah to reach 30 million a year. "Every year, there is an increase in numbers," Gulf News quoted Abdulrahman bin Fahd, an assistant undersecretary for Umrah Affairs. The Saudi official told a local TV channel Al Ekhbariya about the plan aiming to target more than 10 million Umrah pilgrims this year.—RT/Agency

## Tragic Road Accident Claims Seven Lives, Leaves 30 Injured During Karachi Picnic

KARACHI: At least seven people, including women and children, were killed and 30 others injured when an "over-speeding" bus turned over near Mauripur area of Karachi on Sunday.



According to the rescue officials, the bus overturned after colliding with a trailer truck near Mauripur Truck Adda. They said the deceased included four children and three women, while six to seven other people of the injured were in critical condition.

Police said the accident happened as the vehicle's speed was over the limit, when victims of the accident were going to have a picnic. As per the rescue officials, the bodies and the injured were shifted to Civil Hospital Karachi for medico-legal formalities and treatment, respectively. The bodies were later shifted to the Sohrab Goth mortuary, the hospital administration said. The deceased have been identified as Sughra,

A relative of the victims, Mohammad Sakina, 6, Zeenat, 4, Bashir said from 40 to 45 people were traveling on the ill-fated vehicle for picnic. He requested Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah to provide treatment to the injured at a private hospital. "Some of them are critically injured, therefore, the Sindh chief minister should order for their transfer to a private hospital," he said. Bashir also demanded an inquiry into the incident to bring the culprit to justice.—RT/Agency

## Sharjeel: Rs 675.4 Million Raised from 'Premium Number Plates' Auction To Aid Flood Victims

KARACHI: The Sindh Excise Department has generated Rs 675.4 million from the auction of 40 'Premium Number Plates' for first time in the history of the country.



In the auction ceremony held at a local hotel on Sunday, the Premium No. 1 Plate was auctioned in Rs100 million, Premium No Plate 5 in Rs50.3 million, No. 7 in Rs40.6 million, No. 8 in Rs40.10 million and No. 9 in Rs40 millions.



On this occasion, Senior Minister Sharjeel said that the generated amount would be utilized in the construction of houses for the flood affected people. He said that total of 2,251 houses would be constructed for the flood victims with generated amount. The Sindh government is continuously trying to help the flood affected people, he said.



The minister said that the second phase of auction of premium number plates would also be held very soon. He said that the next auction was expected to generate additional resources to further support ongoing reconstruction efforts. A comprehensive approach of the govern-

ment is not only towards sary infrastructure, med- the construction of new ical assistance and eco- houses but also for the nomic restoration, he maintenance of neces- added.—RT

## PPP Sindh President Nisar Khuhro Vows Unwavering Commitment To Democracy And Constitution

KARACHI: People's Party Sindh President Nisar Khuhro reiterated the party's steadfast commitment to upholding democracy, parliamentary supremacy, and constitutional integrity in the country. Speaking at the 20th anniversary celebration at Arts Council Karachi, Khuhro emphasized that while the PPP supports the federal government to maintain democratic continuity, it has firmly rejected any proposal to join the federal government.



Addressing a gathering that included People's Party stalwarts such as former Chairman Mian Raza Rabbani, PPP Sindh General Secretary Waqar Mehdi, Senator Taj Haider, Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab, and other dignitaries, Khuhro expressed hope that the federal government would allocate funds to Sindh for development projects.



Khuhro paid tribute to Shaheed Munawwar Suhawardi, highlighting his unwavering loyalty and service to the party. He underscored that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the PPP Chairman, aims to lead the nation as Prime Minister in the future, urging nationwide support for this goal.

Reflecting on the party's history, Khuhro recalled the MRD movement for voting rights and stressed the importance of grassroots activism in achieving the party's objectives nationwide. In his address, former Chairman Raza Rabbani called for dismantling the hybrid system introduced during Shaheed Bhutto's tenure, emphasizing the PPP's ideological commitment to challenging elitism and civil-military bureaucracy. He reiterated the party's stance against privatization and its dedication to labor-friendly policies. General Secretary Waqar Mehdi praised Sha-

## Investigation Launched Into Shocking Deaths Tied To Heatwave And Loadshedding



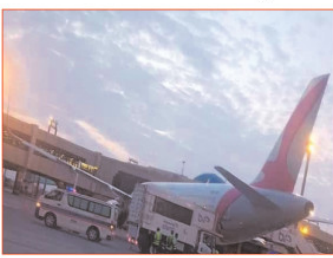
KARACHI: The authorities in Karachi have initiated the investigation into the mysterious deaths of the residents who died in recent days due to extreme 'heatwave' and 'load shedding', media reported on Sunday.

Following the news of mysterious deaths in Karachi, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on June 26 directed the CEO of K-Electric to submit a report within three days.

After the statement of Edhi Foundation regarding the deaths due to load shedding in an extreme heatwave in Karachi, a letter was issued under the signature of Director General Head of the Consumer Affairs Department Islamabad, Naveed Elahi Sheikh, directing the CEO of KE to submit a detailed report related to the incident. NEPRA has initiated an investigation on the increase in death rate during the recent heat wave in Karachi, in which the aspect is being sought as to how many people have died due to extreme heat, hypothermia, or electricity load shedding in the past few days.

This investigation is being conducted in light of the statement of the head of Edhi Foundation, in which he claimed that according to the heirs of those who died during the heat wave in Karachi, the deaths were due to power outage, heating, and humidity. In this investigation, the authorities are investigating the factor whether there is negligence on the part of KE in the recent deaths or not, NEPRA will also decide the future course of action in light of this investigation.—RT/Agency

## Foreign Airline Plane Forced Into Emergency Landing At Karachi Airport



KARACHI: The Middle East and North Africa's (MENA) first and largest Low-Cost Carrier flying, Air Arabia flight bound to Sharjah from Kathmandu made an emergency landing at Karachi Airport after a crew member fell seriously ill. The flight attendant has been identified as Anas from Morocco. The Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) doctors examined the flight attendant after landing. But the flight attendant has been swiftly shifted to a private hospital located at stadium road due to the severity of his condition. According to sources,

## Energy Minister Scrambles To Address Load Shedding Crisis At K-Electric's Central Dispatch Center

KARACHI: Sindh Provincial Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah visited the Central Load Dispatch Center (CLD) of K-Electric late at night to assess the ongoing load shedding situation and provide relief to the citizens of Karachi. During his detailed inspection, Minister Shah received a comprehensive briefing from officials regarding the operations of the center.



Officials assured the Minister that measures are being implemented to reduce load shedding across Karachi. Following the Energy Minister's directives, initial improvements have been observed in some areas, with further reductions expected within the next three to four days. Minister Nasir Shah emphasized that the purpose of his

visit was to evaluate K-Electric's preparedness to meet the city's electricity demand, especially amid severe heat conditions exacerbating the public's discomfort. Chairman Bilawal K-Electric and affirmed the Sindh Government's maximum relief efforts for citizens, particularly in terms of water and electricity supply. Minister Nasir Shah underscored that his

## Jinnah Hospital Axes 168 Employees In Shocking Purge

KARACHI: In a shocking move, Jinnah Hospital Karachi has sacked 168 employees from their jobs due to a shortage of funds, media reported.



As per details, the affected employees were initially hired on a three-month contract during the COVID-19 pandemic. The list of terminated employees includes 33 sweepers, 36 nurses, 27 ward boys, and 18 security guards. According to the hospital's Executive Director, the decision was made due to financial constraints, and all affected employees will be relieved of their duties from July 1. The employees urged

the administration, that the hospital is already facing staffing shortages and that they should not be sacked.—RT/Agency

