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PM Shehbaz Affirms Strong Pakistan-Russia Relations In Putin Meeting

ASTANA: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Wednesday told Russian President Vladimir Putin that Islamabad and Moscow's relationship stood on its own, stressing the need to further boost bilateral cooperation.



"Our relations stand on our own strength, neither our relations are driven by any geopolitical contingency nor are these impacted by our relations with other countries," the prime minister said.

Government Fulfills All Conditions For New IMF Bailout Deal

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is looking to clinch a staff-level agreement on an International Monetary Fund bailout of more than \$6 billion this month after addressing all of the lender's requirements in its annual budget, Minister of State for Finance, Revenue and Power Ali Pervaiz Malik said on Wednesday.



The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)-led coalition government has set challenging revenue targets in its annual budget to help it win approval from the IMF for a loan to stave off another economic meltdown, even as domestic anger rises at new taxation measures.

our assurance in terms of macro stability. We are taking it forward; it is inevitable. In very optimistic that we'll be able to take it through the finish line for an Extended Fund Programme which is going to be larger and longer in nature," the minister said addressing a press conference in Islamabad.

In today's interaction, Malik said the point of pushing out a tough and unpopular budget was to use it as a stepping stone for an IMF programme, adding the lender was satisfied with the revenue measures taken, based on their talks.

Fawad Chaudhry: Dialogues With Establishment Viewed As Pursuing A Bargain

ISLAMABAD: Former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry has expressed surprise at the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) willingness to engage in talks with establishment, saying that this decision was tantamount to 'deal-seeking', media reported on Wednesday.



Speaking to an international media outlet, the former minister said that negotiating with the establishment is equivalent to seeking a deal, and that talks will only be successful if held on an equal footing.

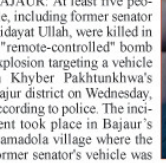
Imran, Shah Mahmood, And Others Cleared In Explosive ECP Protest Case



ISLAMABAD: A district and sessions court in the federal capital acquitted Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan and several other leaders in case registered at Aapara Police Station.

A case was registered against the PTI founder and other politicians for protesting against the ECP's Toshakhana verdict in 2022, which disqualified him from holding office for a limited time.

Former Senator Hidayat Ullah Among Five Slain In Devastating Bajaur Explosion



BAJAUR: At least five people, including former senator Hidayat Ullah, were killed in a "remote-controlled" bomb explosion targeting a vehicle in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bajaur district on Wednesday, according to police.

horrific bomb attack while returning to Bajaur's headquarters, Khar town, police said. According to the police, Malik Irfan from the tribal district's Niag Banda area and Nazar Deen from Nawagai town were also among the deceased in the horrific explosion which completely destroyed the vehicle. Hidayat belonged to an influential political family whose father was former National Assembly lawmaker Haji Bismillah Khan and his brother was former governor Shaukat Ullah.—RT/Agency

Former Federal Minister Late Kazi Abdul Majeed Abid's Daughter Feroza Sattar Abbasi Passes Away In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES/KARACHI: With profound grief and heavy hearts, the Kazi/Abbasi Family of Hyderabad announced the passing of Mrs. Feroza Sattar Abbasi, daughter of Ex-Federal Minister and veteran publisher Late Kazi Abdul Majeed Abid, in Los Angeles, California, on July 3, 2024.



Feroza Abbasi was the wife of prominent Los Angeles based cardiologist Dr. Sattar Abbasi and the mother of prominent real estate investor Robert Abood Abbasi of RTI Properties and internationally renowned jazz musician Rez Abbasi. She was also the mother-in-law of Canadian singer-songwriter Kiran Ahluwalia.

ATC Demands Federal Government's Immediate Response To Imran's Request For Meeting With Sons



RAWALPINDI: The anti-terrorism court in Rawalpindi has sought response from the federal government and Adiala Jail administration on a petition moved by incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan seeking permission for a meeting with his sons.

Imran Khan has been facing a slew of charges ranging from corruption to terrorism since his removal as the premier in 2022. The PTI founder has been in jail since last August and was convicted in some cases ahead of a nationwide election earlier this year. He is also fighting dozens of other cases. The only hurdle keeping him behind bars is the iddat or the un-Islamic marriage cases, whose proceedings are underway, and the judge expects the case to be wrapped up within this month.—RT/Agency

With a heavy heart, we inform about the loss of our beloved Brother/Father **KAZI AFZAL ABID** Who passed away on 02 July 2024 **SOYEM** will be held today (Thursday) 4th July 2024 at his residence, House No.93/1, Khayaban-e-Muslim Phase-VI, DHA, Karachi between Asar and Maghrib

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Umaima and Kazi Khurram Abbasi (Son)
Uzma (Daughter) and Zia Hussain
Kazi Asad Abid (Brother), Kazi Amjad Abid (Brother)
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All Grandchildren & Family Members of the Kazi/Abbasi Family

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HYDERABAD: Former PPP Federal Minister Moulana Bux Chandio along with other party leaders is addressing a press conference.-RT

Sindh Minister Muhammad Ali Malkani orders to open a new college in Badin

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: The Sindh Minister for Universities and Boards, Muhammad Ali Malkani, specially directed for the establishment of a college in district Sujawal. A committee chaired by Vice Chancellor of Sindh University Jamshoro comprises Pro VC SU Lar Campus Prof Dr. Khalilur-Rehman, along with Dean of Faculty of Arts Professor Dr. Muhammad Khan Sangi and several other members, met with Deputy Commissioner

Zahid Hussain Rind to discuss the feasibility report for establishing the college. Detailed inspections of classrooms, library, and building premises were conducted for the feasibility report. Regarding the establishment of the college in Sujawal, Principal of Government Boys Degree College Sujawal, Muhammad Hassan Bhatti, was also present during the inspection. Following this, the committee held a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Zahid Hussain Rind in his office to discuss preparing a detailed feasibility report for the establishment of the college. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the establishment of the college in Sujawal should not be detrimental to the students of the district, enabling them to access quality education under standardized legal frameworks. He highlighted that efforts are being made to bring significant changes in these sectors, not just for social service but to elevate the interests and motivations globally.

DC Ghotki Dr. Syed Muhammad Ali chairs meeting of District Peace Committee for Muharram



By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: The strict security measures will be implemented in District Ghotki during Muharram-ul-Haram. Gatherings and processions are to be conducted at designated times and routes, with full adherence to the code of conduct. The District Peace Committee will be activated. According to details, an important meeting was held in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ghotki Dr. Syed Muhammad Ali to review arrangements for Muharram. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioners, Rangers from the 73 Wing, DSPs, DHOs, SEPCO and Municipal Department officers, as well as leaders from various sects. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stated

that foolproof security arrangements will be made to maintain peace during Ashura, and no one will be allowed to take the law into their own hands. Strict legal action will be taken against those who violate the code of conduct or engage in disruptive activities. The purpose of the meeting was to identify and resolve issues faced by leaders from different sects to prevent any untoward incidents during Ashura. He emphasized that Islam teaches love, peace, and brotherhood, and it is everyone's duty to perform their religious responsibilities within their respective domains, solve minor issues, and respect each other's sentiments to thwart the malicious intentions of enemies. The Deputy Commissioner also mentioned that loudspeakers cannot be used without the district administration's permission during Ashura, and there will be a complete ban on misuse and display of weapons. Cooperation with the district administration is essential to ensure peaceful observance of Ashura. He appealed to the leaders of different sects to remain calm and contact the district administration immediately in case of any untoward incident or information, rather than paying attention to rumors. Processions and gatherings should be conducted according to the scheduled routes and times to enable better management by the administration. The DC He instructed hospitals on alert with doctors, paramedical staff, and ambulances ready.

PPP Minority Wing's Sunil Kumar felicitates Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar on becoming Special Assistant



TALHAR: Sunil Kumar, the leader of PPP's Minority Wing, extended warm congratulations to several political and social leaders across Sindh, including Dr. Lal Chand Ukrani, Abdul Wahid Halipota, and Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar, on their appointment as Advisor to the Sindh Chief Minister. In a statement issued from Talhar, Sunil Kumar expressed his optimism that the newly elected advisors would effectively serve the people of Sindh and uphold the legacies of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto across every village in the province. He emphasized their role in advancing the PPP's mission of social justice and equality. Sunil Kumar also reaffirmed his unwavering support and confidence in President Asif Ali Zardari and PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, pledging to work tirelessly towards the party's goals under their leadership.—RT

DC Jacobabad Zahoor Ali Memon reviews arrangements for Muharram-ul-Haram



By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: Deputy Commissioner Jacobabad, Zahoor Ali Memon, has emphasized rigorous security arrangements during the period of Muharram-ul-Haram to ensure peace and safety at all costs. He has instructed the police officials to guide them thoroughly, ensuring each of them performs their respective roles efficiently to facilitate smooth observance of mourning processions and gatherings in the district. Street lights and other arrangements have been ensured for the routes of mourning processions and Majalis to maintain a secure environment. In this regard, various administrative officers, including police, Rangers, intelligence agencies, local government, and health officials, along with religious scholars and community leaders, are actively participating. The aim is to ensure comprehensive security measures during Muharram-ul-Haram, including traffic management, maintenance of routes and gathering places, protection of Imam-bargahs and proper utilization of loudspeakers. Deputy Commissioner has also instructed to facilitate emergency services in hospitals and provide necessary medical supplies, ambulance services, and ensure uninterrupted power supply during the sensitive period. He urged cooperation from all sectors to maintain an environment of peace and security, emphasizing unity and harmony among all Muslims. The efforts are aimed at resolving any potential issues swiftly and effectively during the mourning period.

Shia Rabta Council demands proper facilities for mourners during Muharram

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: The General Secretary of the Shia Rabta Council in Khairpur District, Chaudhry Syed Muhammad Mutahir Zaidi, alongside Dar Muhammad Karbalai, Raees Haider, Asghar Abbas Taqvi, Ali Azmat Baloch, Saeed Buledi, and other council members, convened a press conference to address grievances against the District Council Khairpur. Zaidi expressed deep concern over the Council's failure to provide essential amenities to residents, particularly in rural areas where roads are in dire need of repair. Highlighting the imminent arrival of Muharram, Zaidi criticized the District Council for not initiating any developmental projects. He warned that inadequate facilities are not provided for mourners during the sacred days of Muharram-ul-Haram, severe protests will be staged against the Chairman of the District Council Khairpur. Emphasizing the urgency of development initiatives, Zaidi urged immediate commencement of infrastructure projects and provision of basic services across rural Khairpur. He stressed that failure to meet these demands would prompt a robust protest movement during Muharram-ul-Haram, aimed at securing fundamental rights and dignified arrangements for religious observances. Efforts to reach District Council officials for comment on the matter were unsuccessful at the time of reporting.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Hosri blocked the busy Tando Fazal road in protest against their area police.-RT

Commissioner Sukkur Fayaz Hussain Abbasi reviews arrangements for Muharram-ul-Haram

By Absar Alvi

SUKKUR: A high-level meeting was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Sukkur Division, Fayaz Hussain Abbasi, in the conference hall of the Commissioner's office to discuss the arrangements for Muharram-ul-Haram in Sukkur Division. The meeting was attended by DIG Sukkur Pir Muhammad Shah, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Sukkur, Khairpur and Ghotki districts, DHO Sukkur, officers from law enforcement agencies, Rangers, PPHI, SEPCO and Chief Engineers of SSG along with Shia and Sunni scholars and other concerned officials. On this occasion, the Commissioner of Sukkur Division stated that Muharram is a sacred month and all scholars should maintain harmony and play an effective role in resolving any issues that arise seriously. He noted that all these problems stem from miscommunication, and everyone should play their positive role. He directed



the police and law enforcement officers to ensure foolproof security arrangements within the division, keeping personnel on high alert to prevent any untoward incidents. He also instructed the senior officials of SEPCO and the gas company to avoid load shedding during Muharram. The Commissioner gave directions to municipal officials regarding cleanliness, desilting of drains, lighting, and setting up heat stroke camps. On this occasion, DIG Sukkur Syed Pir Muhammad Shah said that Muharram is a sacred month, and everyone should demonstrate unity and solidarity. He mentioned that approximately 9,000 police officers will perform their duties within the division until the 14th of Muharram. All scholars should remain in contact with the administration to avoid any issues. He also called for intensified checking at internal and external routes. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioners of Sukkur, Khairpur and Ghotki briefed about the arrangements for Muharram in their respective districts. They informed that control rooms have been established in all three districts, with full persons from all concerned departments assigned. Similar instructions have been issued to the Assistant Commissioners of the talukas. The Deputy Commissioners further explained that a strategy has been formulated to ensure the availability of ambulances and medicines in coordination with DHOs and MS.

Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum protests against occupation of sweet water lakes

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A protest rally was taken out by the Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum against the seizure of livestock and fresh water by influential people, particularly targeting the public water bodies like Petaro Kahnwari Tas and other lakes in the Kakahu area of Kapri taluka. The rally proceeded from Chowk Badin to the Press Club and Awan Journalism Badin. The rally was led by Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum President Haji Nabi Bakhsh Mallah, Senior Vice President Abdul Rahim Jandani, General Secretary Muhammad Umar Mallah and Joint Secretary Muhammad Qasim Bacho. During the rally, strong slogans were raised against the occupation of the lakes and for the restoration of employment. Addressing the participants, the leaders stated that after the contract system ended on 1209 sweet water lakes of Sindh, local influencers have started the process of occupying the lakes, which is still ongoing. The Fisherfolk Forum is constantly fighting for the rights of local people on the lakes, and this protest was part of their efforts. They mentioned that the government sweet water lakes, including Petaro Kakahu Wari Tas and others, have been seized by influential individuals like Nour Muhammad Hanghuro, Akram Hanghoro, Salahuiddin Hunghoro, Abdullah, and other powerful policemen. The local fishermen have been deprived of their fishing jobs and are being stopped from fishing. The fishermen are also being threatened with false cases, and their nets have been confiscated by the Rab Dingo, Muhammad Khan Ghanu, Isa Mallah, Ramzan Ghanu and others. The leaders demanded that

the Chief Minister of Sindh, the Minister of Fisheries Department, the Secretary, DG Fisheries Hyderabad, Deputy Director of Fisheries Sanghar, Deputy Commissioner Sanghar, SSP Sanghar, and other high authorities take strict legal action against those preventing the local fishermen of Kakahu from fishing, despite their valid licenses. They also called for the coastal strip of Badin to be cut and water supplied to the lakes, as the advancing sea has already destroyed millions of acres of land, including 13 lakes. They emphasized the immediate need to save Badin and rejected the false departments trying to take over agriculture in the area. Participants in the rally included Muhammad Bhatti, Hanif Jagana, Soomard, Rab Dingo, Muhammad Khan Ghanu, Isa Mallah, Ramzan Ghanu and others.



HYDERABAD: Moro newlyweds who were married on their freewill are protesting at the Hyderabad press club for the provision of protection to them.-RT



LARKANA: Deputy Commissioner Larkana, Sharjeel Noor Channa is inspecting facilities at the Benazir Income Support Programme centers.-RT

METRO KARACHI



Governor Tessori Touts US Investments as Key to Slashing Unemployment

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has stated that Pakistan and the United States are natural allies, acknowledging the ups and downs in their relationship over time. He emphasized the importance of both countries coming closer in the broader interest of the region.

Tessori expressed these views at an event at the US Embassy in Islamabad to mark the US National Day. Upon his arrival, he was received by US Ambassador Donald Blome and Consul General Conrad Tribble.

The governor extended congratulations to the American people on their national day and noted that US investments are helping reduce poverty and unemployment in the region. He also expressed a desire to increase trade and investment with the U.S.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is seen in a group photo with the Deputy Speaker of the Sindh Assembly Anthony Naveed and his sons after holding a meeting with them.—Photo by Fahim Soomro

SHO Demoted and Suspended Following Alleged Assault On Lawyer In Karachi's Gulistan-e-Jauhar

KARACHI: A station house officer (SHO) on Wednesday was suspended and demoted after he assaulted a lawyer, leading to hours-long clash between the law enforcement officials and several lawyers at the Gulistan-e-Jauhar Police Station.

The clash began after senior lawyer and Sindh High Court (SHC) member Qadir Rajpar arrived at the police station with a client with a court order for the release of a vehicle.

However, Rajpar alleged that the SHO and other staff members misbehaved with him and did not comply with the court orders. Following this, a large number of lawyers gathered outside the station and blocked the road.



"When asked to leave the room, the person started verbally abusing and said 'now see how many people will come!'"

He said that after some time, a number of lawyers came at the police station and attacked the gate.

Speaking to media persons, Rajpar said that he came to the station with his client as there was a dispute over the custody of the vehicle after which he approached GM East for the order of his car's release.

"The SHO tortured me, broke my finger and injured my head," said the lawyer.

Following the incident, negotiations between the senior superintendent of police (SSP) East, superintendent of police (SP) Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi Bar Association President Amir Nawaz Warraich and lawyers began.

Karachi Bar Association General Secretary Ikhtiar Channa, while speaking to media persons, said that one of their lawyers had come to the station for the release of his vehicle.

SHO prohibited the investigating officer not to follow the vehicle, claimed Channa, adding that the fellow lawyer was locked up and tortured.

After the negotiations, President Warraich said the SHO has been suspended and demoted at their request and a case has been filed against him and the staff.

The lawyers kept on protesting until they got a copy of the first information report.

The police also said that the SHO misbehaved with lawyers and a case with provisions of terrorism, attempted murder and torture have been filed against him. He added that more than 15 policemen have been named in the case.—RT/Agency

Sindh CM Unveils Ambitious Development Maps For Union Councils And Towns

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has decided to create development maps from the Union Council (UC) to Town levels to avoid duplication, fill gaps in the development plan, and ensure comprehensive coverage of essential services.

"We need to map the population of each area, from the UC to the Town level, to identify the available municipal, educational, health, sports, and recreational facilities, as well as the development of infrastructure," Shah said during a meeting at CM House. Chief of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Dr. Nadeem Zafar, provided a detailed briefing on population, education, health, and the provincial Bureau of Statistics.



Shah expressed interest in education mapping to identify deprived areas and target resources effectively. He noted disparities such as Karachi Central having a high literacy rate of 83.6% but 22.7% of children out of school, while Thatta has the highest rate of out-of-school children at 75.8% and the lowest literacy rate at 26.9%.

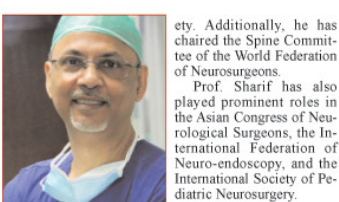
He highlighted the need for mapping electricity access, citing Karachi Central's 99.1% electricity sources compared to Tharparkar producing 3500 MW of electricity. Shah proposed covering deprived households with solar systems.

The CM directed the P&D department to activate the provincial Bureau of Statistics to develop maps of every UC and town in terms of facilities. "The PBS would support the Sindh Bureau of Statistics, and further surveys would be conducted independently," Shah said.—RT

Dr. Salman Sharif Makes History As First Pakistani Surgeon To Chair WFNS Committee

KARACHI: Professor Salman Sharif, Head of Neurosurgery at Liaquat National Hospital & Medical College, has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Pakistani surgeon to be appointed as Coordinator of the World Federation of Neurological Societies (WFNS) Committee.

Dr. Sharif has also played prominent roles in the Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the International Federation of Neuro-endoscopy, and the International Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery.



During his tenure as Chair of the WFNS Spine Committee, Dr. Sharif's mission is to provide "Equal Spine Care for All," aiming to bring advanced neurosurgical treatment to underdeveloped areas and countries.—RT

Police Crack Down On Protesting Teachers With Batons Outside Karachi Press Club



KARACHI: The teachers protesting outside the Karachi Press Club (KPC) were baton-charged by the police when they attempted to march to the Sindh Assembly.

Earlier, the department had assured the teachers that all of them would be given permanent positions. However, the department failed to fulfill this commitment.

Previously, the Education Department had decided to make all the teachers permanent after the final results of their tests.—RT/Agency

Sindh Governor Strongly Condemns Brazen Assault On Police Checkpost

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has strongly condemned the attack by bandits on a police checkpost in the Kashmir area of Kandhkot.

In a statement, Tessori paid tribute to the two police officers who were martyred in the attack, praying for the elevation of their ranks and offering condolences to their families.

"Such sacrifices strengthen our resolve," Tessori remarked, adding that he stands with the families of the martyrs. He affirmed the determination of law enforcement agencies to completely eliminate the bandits.—RT/Agency

Murad Champions Landmark Legislation Against Gender-Based Violence

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah highlighted the Sindh Assembly's efforts in enacting laws against gender-based violence, anti-rape measures, protection of minority rights, and handling cases involving transgender individuals. He spoke at the launch of the Sindh Prosecution Roadmap 2025-2030 at a local hotel, organized by the Sindh Criminal Prosecution Service Department and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Shah emphasized the PPP's commitment to upholding the rule of law and noted the assembly's role in introducing innovative, citizen-centric initiatives. He mentioned the significant achievement of enacting Sindh Correction Services, making the assembly the first in Asia to adopt major jail reforms. The Sindh Criminal Prosecution Service Department has been actively participating in national causes, with the PG Sindh serving as a national legal expert on FATF. The Sindh Roadmap 2025-2030, developed with UNODC's support, addresses gaps in the criminal justice system related to transgender rights, human trafficking and minority rights. Shah stressed the need for collective expertise to implement the roadmap and deliver a fair justice system for Sindh and Pakistan. He commended the Sindh Criminal Prosecution Service Department's dedication and the UNODC's support in enhancing the prosecutorial system's performance. Shah underscored the importance of policy and governance reforms for evidence-based decision-making and expressed confidence in UNODC's technical support. The event featured speeches from Minister for Agriculture & Anti-Corruption Establishment Sardar Mohammad Bux Mahar, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, Dr. Jeremy Mison and Mr. Zia Hashmi of UNODC and PG Dr. Fiaz Shah.—RT

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AKU And US Mission Commemorate Climate Action Fellows In KP

PESHAWAR: The Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED), in partnership with the U.S. Consulate in Peshawar, celebrated its Climate Action Fellows and their innovative action plans at an event in Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The top 10 plans will receive funding, marking a key milestone in the "Raise Awareness and Inspire Action on Environmental Protection" project.

KP, home to 30 million people, faces severe climate challenges, including extreme weather events, water scarcity, and agricultural impacts. The project, running from September 2023 to October 2024, aims to equip educators with the skills to promote environmental stewardship. Teachers are implementing hands-on projects in their schools and communities to foster environmental education.

Dr. Fozia Parveen, Assistant Professor and Project Lead at AKU-IED, highlighted the dedication of the fellows: "Their commitment to implementing action plans has inspired me to continue working towards systemic change for a sustainable planet."

The fellowship received 500 applications, with 50 educators selected for intensive training in Chitral and Peshawar. These workshops set the stage for ongoing mentorship and support.

U.S. Consul General Peshawar Shante Moore emphasized the U.S. commitment to environmental protection and education in KP, stating, "By empowering teachers, we are fostering a generation of environmentally conscious individuals who will drive positive change in their communities." Mr. Abdul Akram, Additional Secretary Education, Government of KP, remarked, "Teachers can act on pressing environmental issues through climate change education." As the project advances, AKU-IED continues to build a network of environmentally conscious educators, aiming for a lasting impact on environmental protection and climate resilience in KP.—RT



Maryam Orders Overhaul Of Food Department

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz expressed displeasure with the officers of the Food Department for presenting wrong flour prices.

Maryam Nawaz presented flour prices in the meeting. The prices in the brief of the Food Department were different from the market prices. It was decided to determine the flour prices according to the category of Pakistan Quality Control Standard. Maryam Nawaz directed the restructuring of the food department. She also ordered to take legal action against the corrupt elements besides a mechanism for digital monitoring of the officers of the food department.—RT/Agency

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PTA's Prof Raees Ahmed Mansoori condemns removal of DEO Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

Imran Shah sends a damaging message about the government's commitment to education. "We cannot afford to lose competent leaders who are instrumental in shaping the educational landscape of our district," he declared.

The Teachers' Organization of Pakistan, Sindh Province, echoed these sentiments, denouncing Shah's dismissal as evidence of anti-education sentiments within governmental decision-making. They argue that such actions not only jeopardize educational standards but also erode public trust in educational governance.

Syed Imran Shah's abrupt removal has been viewed by many as a manifestation of manipulation and hostility towards educational leaders who prioritize academic excellence and administrative integrity. The community in Badin, along with educational stakeholders, demands Shah's immediate reinstatement to safeguard the continuity and progress of educational initiatives in the district.

Efforts to reach government officials for comment on the matter have so far been unsuccessful.

Doctor assaulted at Al-Khidmat Hospital in Tando Allahyar

By Afaqhe Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The administration of Al-Khidmat Hospital in Tando Allahyar, represented by Yousaf Qaimkhan and Javed Rando, held a press conference at Tando Allahyar Press Club. They stated that influential individuals, under the influence of drugs, came to the hospital early in the morning the previous day. They were accompanied by a person with minor injuries who received first aid from the on-duty doctor. Despite this, the influential individuals misbehaved with the doctor, beat him, and subjected him to severe violence. The administration condemned this act in the strongest terms and mentioned that they had all the CCTV footage and evidence. They tried to file a case against the influential individuals at the A-Section police station, but the police had not taken any action and were only making promises. They emphasized that doctors are in hospitals to serve the public, and such behavior towards them is intolerable. They warned that if the influential individuals responsible for the attack on the hospital were not arrested immediately, they would call for a protest movement.

Residents of Dadu's Hussain Jamali Colony protest against unauthorized poultry farms in their area

By Javed Laghari

DADU: The residents of Hussain Jamali Colony near the vegetable market, including Gulam Rasool Sand, Muhammad Ayub Naich, Muhammad Ali Sand, Yaseen Bhutto, and Ali Raza Panwar, staged a protest and complained to the media. They stated that waste from poultry farms is being collected in their colony, causing a foul smell that has made living conditions unbearable. Due to the stench, four children Asma, Bhablo, Dilbar and Rafiq Sand have fainted and been admitted to Dadu Hospital. The odor has led to various illnesses among the colony's residents. They demanded that the poultry waste be collected outside the city. The protesters called on the Deputy Commissioner of Dadu, the Chairman of the Municipal Committee, and the Assistant Commissioner of Dadu to take legal action against those responsible for the collection of the foul-smelling waste and to protect the children from diseases. They urged for justice for the colony's residents and warned that they would expand their protest if their demands were not met.

Sanghar educationist Nazir Muhammad Laghari injured in a botched assassination attempt

By Khadim Khaskheli

SANGHAR: Near the village of Khair Muhammad Lund, Nazir Muhammad Laghari, an educational expert from Taluka Sanghar, was severely injured in an assassination attempt while inspecting his land. He was immediately taken to the Taluka Civil Hospital Sanghar, where he received first aid. Due to the critical nature of his injuries, he was then referred to Hyderabad for further treatment. Speaking to the media about the incident, Nazir Muhammad Laghari's son, Zameer Hussain Laghari, and his assistant, Hashim Lund stated that Nazir Muhammad Laghari was visiting his land in Doh 41 Jamrao when he was ambushed by Pahar Lund, who was armed with a Kalashnikov. Accompanying Pahar Lund were his sons, Ferooz Lund, Murtaza Lund, and Mazhar Lund, who were equipped with axes and iron rods. They launched a brutal attack on Nazir Muhammad Laghari, causing him to lose consciousness. He was then wrapped in a cloth and carried from the site to the main road, from where he was transported to the Taluka Civil Hospital Sanghar. Despite the timely notification of the incident to SHO Sanghar and the Sanghar police, no police personnel arrived at the scene of the altercation.

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The stock market's bullishness is not a substitute for a genuine economic recovery

As the government eagerly anticipates securing an IMF deal, it must tread carefully, for the costs could be significant in terms of political capital. The enthusiasm in government circles, highlighted by the Minister of State for Finance, Ali Pervez Malik, suggesting the loan package could exceed \$6 billion, reflects a dangerous overconfidence. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's admission that the IMF played a role in the budget process has buoyed the stock market to record highs. However, this bullish sentiment is a poor barometer for the nation's ailing economy and the everyday struggles of its citizens.

The stock market's rise, crossing 80,000 points on the KSE Index, is a testament to investor confidence in the anticipated IMF deal. Yet, this surge

does not mirror the economic reality faced by the common man. The market's gains largely benefit a



narrow segment of society, while the broader population grapples with inflation, unemployment, and stagnant wages. The stock market's performance should not be mistaken for a comprehensive indicator of economic health. It reflects the optimism of investors who anticipate higher profits and dividends, not the lived experiences of the general populace.

Securing the IMF package might temporarily bolster the government's standing among investors,

but it comes at the cost of imposing austerity measures that will deepen the misery for many. The government's legitimacy, already questioned by its opponents and critics, could be further eroded by the unpopular policies dictated by the IMF. The optimism surrounding the stock market is likely to be short-lived if the IMF-sponsored budget leads to greater economic hardship for the masses.

Thus, the government must recognize that the stock market's bullishness is not a substitute for a genuine economic recovery. While the IMF deal might seem like a lifeline, it carries the risk of exacerbating political instability and public discontent. The true measure of economic success lies in the well-being of all citizens, not just the fortunes of a few investors.

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SSP Umerkot Asif Raza Baloch reviews arrangements for Muharram-ul-Haram



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A meeting was held at the SSP Office under the chairmanship of SSP Umerkot Asif Raza Baloch regarding the security and administrative aspects of Muharram-ul-Haram. All SDPOs, SHOs of the district, heads of all branches, units, and sections, along with other relevant police officers, as well as scholars of all sects, religious leaders, administrators of Imambargahs, caretakers, founders, and members of the peace committee participated in the meeting. In the meeting, a

detailed review was taken regarding the code of conduct for Muharram, the activation of the peace committee, interfaith and sectarian unity, mutual coordination with district administration and other institutions, especially security arrangements. SSP Umerkot gave instructions to all officers, stating that they should monitor social media, prevent inflammatory speeches, slogans, wall chalking, and hate-spreading literature, and ensure the complete implementation of the Code of Conduct. Permission for licensed/traditional processions, adherence to the timings and specified routes for processions and gatherings, traffic and security clearance, video recording of processions and gatherings, arrangements such as drone cameras, and CCTV cameras will be ensured in collaboration with the organizers. For the integrated security of Imambargahs and processions, scouts and volunteers, along with the police and other law enforcement agencies, will be included. Security cards will also be issued. All necessary security measures will be taken.

Maulana Muhammad Saleh Indhar leads JUI-F's membership campaign in Matiari



By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: The Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) has launched an ambitious membership campaign in Matiari, drawing crowds to join their ranks, as confirmed by the district council of the party. Maulana Muhammad Saleh Indhar took center stage at the membership camp, rallying locals to unite under the JUI-F banner for the betterment of the nation.

Addressing the gathering, Maulana Muhammad Saleh Indhar underscored the inclusive ethos of JUI-F, inviting individuals from all walks of life, regardless of ethnicity or caste, to contribute towards humanitarian causes through the party. He emphasized the party's commitment to serving the people of Pakistan, upholding the values of justice and equality.

Supporting this message, Maulana Fazl Rehman, the leader of JUI-F, reiterated the party's dedication to serving humanity without discrimination, a principle deeply rooted in the teachings of Islam.

The event witnessed the presence of prominent religious scholars from Sindh, including Maulana Asadullah Hyderi, Haji Sarang Mangi, and Maulana Ahmed Ali Khaskheli, among others, underscoring the significance of the campaign in Matiari.

As the membership drive gains momentum, JUI-F leaders and supporters expressed optimism about expanding their influence in Matiari and beyond, pledging to uphold the values of unity, justice, and social welfare across the region.

HESCO Cracks Down On Illegal Connections And Defaulters Across Multiple Subdivisions: Over 11,000 Connections Disconnected

HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) has intensified its efforts to recover dues and curb electricity theft across multiple subdivisions, following directives from Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Roshan Otho. According to a HESCO spokesperson, special recovery teams, including SDI and M&T teams, have been deployed to inspect and disconnect illegal connections and defaulters' connections.

A significant number of illegal connections have been identified and disconnected across various subdivisions: In the City Mirpurkhas subdivision, 1034 illegal connections were disconnected, and 465 connections of defaulters were severed.

The Satellite Town Subdivision saw 947 illegal connections and 426 defaulters' connections disconnected. In Heraband Mirpurkhas, 965 illegal connections and 434 defaulters' connections

were cut off. Mirwah Gorchani reported 879 illegal disconnections and 396 defaulters' disconnections.

Dulong Subdivision disconnected 1027 illegal connections and 462 defaulters' connections. New Kot Subdivision saw 1139 illegal connections and 513 defaulters' connections severed.

Jhudo subdivision had 1178 illegal connections and 530 defaulters' connections disconnected. In Mithi subdivision, 997 illegal connections and 449 defaulters' connections were cut off.

Across other subdivisions, a total of 5731 illegal connections and 2579 defaulters' connections were disconnected. In total, over 11,000 illegal connections have been severed.

More than 794 FIRs have been submitted to the respective police stations against electricity thieves, and over

112.478 million rupees have been recovered from defaulters. Additionally, more than 6254 electricity connections have been disconnected due to non-payment, and these will only be restored upon settlement of dues.

HESCO urges consumers to resolve any billing issues by contacting their nearest Sub-Divisional Customer Service Center or Complaint Center at 118, or by visiting the HESCO website to print duplicate bills. Consumers are reminded to pay their bills on time to avoid disconnection and potential legal action. CEO Muhammad Roshan Otho emphasized that electricity theft is both an illegal and moral crime, and that HESCO will take strict action against offenders.

The HESCO chief appeals to consumers to clear their dues promptly to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply.—RT

NA's Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah condoles sad demise of Late Muhammad Moosa Rind

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and MNA, visited the residence of the late Muhammad Moosa Rind in Nawab Wali Muhammad Town to offer his heartfelt condolences. Late Muhammad Moosa Rind, a revered personality in Nawab Wali Muhammad Town, passed away recently, leaving behind a legacy of service and leadership in the community. Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah extended his sympathies to the family of the deceased, including Haji Muhammad Urs Rind, a prominent figure in the Rind community, and Amjad Rind, the former UC Chairman.



During his visit, Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah praised the contributions of Late Muhammad Moosa Rind to the social and political fabric of Nawab Wali Muhammad Town. He emphasized the loss felt by the entire community and assured them of

Thul's civil society demands abducted Behram Khoso's recovery

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Tensions ran high outside the Press Club Thul as relatives and local civil society leaders gathered to protest the abduction of Behram Khoso, demanding immediate action from authorities. Led by prominent figures including Shaman Soomro, Li-aquat Sarki, Waseem Qureshi, Arbab Ali Golo, Gulzar Khoso, and Suhno Burro, the protestors voiced their anguish over the abduction of Behram Khoso, who was forcefully taken from his home in Pyaro Khoso village, under the jurisdiction of RD-52 police station, 24 days ago.

JSCM leaders and Khoso's relatives expressed deep frustration with the police's handling of the case, accusing them of incompetence and providing only empty promises instead of concrete efforts to secure Behram's safe return. The lack of progress has exacerbated the family's distress and disillusionment.

In a passionate appeal, they called upon the Inspector General of Sindh, DIG Larkana, and SSP Jacobabad to prioritize the recovery of Behram Khoso and ensure justice for the victim and his family. They emphasized that unless swift and effective action is taken, they are prepared to escalate their protest to press for justice.

Efforts to contact police officials for comment on the progress of the investigation and measures being taken were ongoing at the time of filing this report. The community remains on edge, awaiting a resolution to the harrowing ordeal faced by Behram Khoso and his loved ones.

Provincial Ombudsman's Regional Director Manzoor Ali Soomro holds an open katchery in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: An event organized by the Provincial Ombudsman's office in Badin by the Regional Director Manzoor Ali Soomro on orders of Provincial Ombudsman Muhammad Sohail Rajput. The open katchery was held at the District Accounts Office Badin. Officials from various departments attended the meeting. The Regional Director of the Ombudsman's Office listened to the problems and issued orders to resolve many of them immediately. The objective of the session was to prioritize and resolve the issues of government employees and retired personnel. District Account



Officer Badin Arif Hussain Mirani reported that 83 GP Fund cases, 6 teaching allowance cases and 41 pension cases were completed this month. Some cases are pending due to budget constraints, including LPR (Leave Preparatory to Retirement). Out of 161 total cases, 86 have been completed and efforts are underway to process the remaining 75 cases with the assistance of

the AG Sindh. The event saw significant participation from retired and serving employees of various institutions, as well as officials like Farooq Channa and District Information Officer Sarfraz Samo. This event appears to have been a proactive effort to address and resolve longstanding issues faced by government employees and retirees in the district of Badin.

8-year-old Radhan boy drowns in a canal

By Hanif Panhwar

MEHAR: The serene town of Radhan was gripped with sorrow as tragedy befell the family of 8-year-old Farhan Ali, son of Riaz Hussain Bhand, who tragically drowned while seeking respite from the scorching heat and prolonged electricity load shedding. Farhan had ventured into a nearby canal for a cooling bath, unaware of the dangers that awaited him. The incident unfolded

swiftly, leaving the family and community in shock. Farhan's lifeless body was retrieved from the canal and rushed to Radhan Hospital, where doctors, despite their best efforts, confirmed his untimely demise. As the news of his death spread, the atmosphere at his home turned mournful, with relatives and neighbors consoling the grieving family. The sight of Farhan's lifeless form brought his mother to her knees in inconsolable grief,

causing her to lose consciousness multiple times. The community gathered to offer prayers and support, deeply affected by the sudden loss of a young life. Local authorities have been urged to investigate the circumstances leading to Farhan's death and to take measures to prevent such tragedies in the future. As the family prepares for the funeral rites, the entire town of Radhan mourns the loss of a beloved child, taken too soon.



motorcycle, along with cash and a mobile phone.

Narrating the ordeal, Gul Muhammad Nahyon lamented the increasing incidents of motorcycle thefts in the region. He highlighted that similar robberies have recently plagued areas such as Tando Jam, Kisanra Mori, Musa Khattayan, Tando Qaiser, and Usman Shah Rahooki, causing concern among residents

and prompting calls for heightened security measures.

Local authorities have been urged to investigate the recent surge in thefts and take proactive steps to apprehend the culprits responsible for these criminal activities. Residents, including Gul Muhammad Nahyon, hope for swift action to curb such incidents and restore safety in their communities.

SPORTS



Cricket Australia CEO hints at possible tri-series with Pakistan, India



SYDNEY: In a significant development for cricket fans in the subcontinent, Cricket Australia's Chief Executive Nick Hockley has expressed a strong desire to facilitate a high-profile tri-series involving India and Pakistan.

This move comes amidst growing excitement for the long-awaited clash between these traditional rivals, which has always been a major attraction in the cricketing world.

During an online press conference, Hockley highlighted the immense enthusiasm that surrounds India-Pakistan encounters.

"Pakistan and India are traditional rival teams; there is a lot of excitement for their matches," the CEO remarked.

He further elaborated that Cricket Australia is keen to support and assist in organising both bilateral and tri-series with these nations.

"We are ready to support both teams for a bilateral and a tri-series," Hockley added, emphasising the Australian cricket governing body's readiness to facilitate these high-stakes matches.

"We would be happy to play a role in the revival of Pakistan-India bilateral series," said Hockley, reflecting Cricket Australia's eagerness to bring these two cricketing giants together on the same pitch.

However, he also mentioned that any such plans would require coordination between the respective cricket boards and governments of both India and Pakistan.

"The two boards need to decide first, and we will assist in hosting," he said, adding that formal discussions have yet to take place due to the busy schedules of the cricket boards involved.

Considering Afghanistan's remarkable win against Australia, Hockley congratulated the Afghan team for their exceptional performance.

He acknowledged the challenges the Afghan cricketers faced, particularly in the context of human rights issues affecting women's cricket in the country. —Agency

Kusal Perera's century in vain as Jaffna Kings edge past Dambulla Sixers

PALLEKELE: Kusal Perera's unbeaten century went in vain as Avishka Fernando and Charith Asalanka scored quick half-centuries to guide Jaffna Kings to a thrilling victory over Dambulla Sixers in the Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2024 clash here on Wednesday.

Jaffna Kings registered their first victory in the LPL 2024 and jumped to the second spot in the points table with two points from two games. Meanwhile, the Dambulla Sixers are lying at the bottom of the points table with two losses in two games.

Set to chase 192, Pathum Nissanka (27) gave Jaffna Kings a stable start with a 30-run opening stand with Kusal Mendis (6).

However, Dambulla Six-



ers halted their progress with three wickets in quick succession, reducing the Kings to 36-3 in 5.2 overs.

Avishka Fernando and Charith Asalanka then joined hands to take their team out of trouble with a fiery partnership of 134 runs for the fourth wicket in only 66 balls.

Fernando wreaked havoc against Dambulla Sixers' bowlers, while Asalanka played an anchor role before switching gears in the 15th over when he struck four consecutive sixes off Nimesh Virumkithi.

Mustafizur Rahman broke the partnership in the 17th over as he removed

Asalanka, who scored a 36-ball 50, laced with four boundaries and four sixes.

Fernando also followed suit in the next over as Nuwan Thushara after scoring 80 runs from 34 balls with the help of seven boundaries and six sixes.

With 15 required off two overs, Jaffna Kings chased the target on the final ball with Fabian Allen hitting a six off Virumkithi.

For the Sixers, Thushara and Rahman claimed two wickets each, while Mohammad Nabi bagged one.

Earlier, Dambulla Sixers were invited to bat first and lost opening batter Danushka Gunathilaka (9) in the fourth over with 18 runs on the board. —Agency

Babar, Shaheen, Rizwan brace for setback ahead of GT20 Canada



LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has withheld the issuing of the no-objection certificates (NOCs) for the team's skipper Babar Azam, star pacer Shaheen Afridi, and wicket-keeper batter Mohammad Rizwan for taking part in Global T20 Canada League, sources told Geo News.

The board, the sources added, has in fact contacted the International Cricket Council (ICC) regarding the affiliation of the said tournament and the decision on issuing the NOCs will be made after the ICC's response on the matter.

The development comes as several players had sought PCB's permission to participate in various cricket leagues across the world.

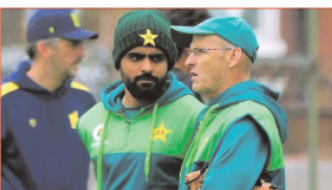
A day earlier, 12 cricketers were issued the re-

Pakistan coach Gary Kirsten submits 'confidential' report to PCB on team's horrific performance

LAHORE: Pakistan's white-ball coach Gary Kirsten has submitted a "confidential" assessment report on the national side's disastrous performance in the recently concluded T20 World Cup 2024 to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), sources told Geo News on Wednesday.

The report, the sources added, has been sent to PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi who will review the document highlighting players' fitness, discipline and game awareness among other things that led to the team's early exit from the mega event.

The development comes as the Green Shirts failed to even make it to the Super Eight stage of the World Cup after suffering an upset loss



against the minnows United States followed by a defeat against arch-rivals India.

The Babar Azam-led side only managed to win matches against Canada and Ireland which were insufficient to propel the team to the next stage of the tournament.

The below-par performance by the national side resulted in scathing criticism from fans and former crick-

eters alike prompting the PCB chief to announce a "major surgery" in the squad.

However, the board decided to wait for Kirsten and senior manager Wahab Riaz's report to make any decision with regard to the team's future.

After going through the report, the PCB chief will also consult other board officials and former cricketers before taking a decision on the way forward.

Earlier, media while citing sources had reported that Kirsten had expressed concerns over the players' fitness levels, stating they are not up to the mark.

In a discussion with the team after their elimination from the World Cup, the coach pointed out that the team's skill level is significantly lagging compared to the rest of the world.

"Despite playing so much cricket, no one knows which shot to play and when," he said, adding that only players who value unity, focus on fitness, and improve their skill set will be part of the team moving forward. —Agency

Netherlands crush Romania to reach Euro 2024 quarter-finals



MUNICH: The Netherlands swept into the Euro 2024 quarter-final as Donyell Malen scored twice in a 3-0 win over Romania in the Last 16.

Cody Gakpo gave the Dutch an early lead but they were unable to convert pressure into a crucial second goal until the Liverpool forward set up Malen with seven minutes remaining in Munich.

Romania were gritty but outclassed, lacking the quality to punish their opponents' profligacy before Malen added his second on the counter in stoppage-time.

The victory put the Netherlands on course for a Euro 2024 quarter-final clash with Turkey or Austria.

"We played a good game. I'm very pleased. Especially after the last game we needed a reaction and today was a good step in the right direction," Gakpo said.

"We talked a lot about the aggression, the intensity and defending like a team. It was a good step."

"Sacrifice something for each other and work really hard to be at your best. Good game overall."

Ronald Koeman's side would not improve their effectiveness in front of goal should they wish to emulate their manager, who was a player for the Dutch when they won the 1988 Euros on German soil.

Koeman said, "The only critical point was that it took us too long to score the second one," but praised the performance overall.

"We are Dutch, we have to play well. The performance today was outstanding and that's why we have a chance to continue," added the 61-year-old coach.

"This is the level we need. If we drop our level, we won't make the final."

Romania coach Edvard Iordanescu said his team "tried to surprise the Netherlands today and it worked - until the 20th minute," but added he saw "good things that can inspire us for the future."

Prior to the game, Netherlands' captain Virgil van Dijk said his side lacked energy and the "will to win" in the loss to Austria in the group stage of Euro 2024. —Agency

Djokovic believes Murray has one more Wimbledon left in him

LONDON: Novak Djokovic described Andy Murray as an inspiration to fellow players for his resilience and backed him to return to Wimbledon in 2025 despite the Briton announcing his farewell after pulling out of the singles competition.

Murray, who lifted the 2013 Wimbledon title to end Britain's 77-year wait for a men's singles champion and also won the crown in 2016, will only play doubles this year after having surgery for a spinal cyst on June 22 and failing to recover fully.

The latest injury denied the 37-year-old Scot, who had hip-resurfacing surgery in 2019 to resurrect his career, a fitting swansong at the site of his most famous triumph.

"Incredible resilience throughout his career. Multi-



ple Grand Slam winner. Legend of the game. Number one in the world. Just a huge inspiration to all the players. He doesn't mind getting on court for hours every day. Incredible professional. His approach is something to study. His will to push and see how far he can go, even

with an artificial hip, is something that's inspiring but also serves as a great example to a lot of athletes, younger ones, that complain about this and that. "He has left a great mark on and off the court for tennis. But something tells me that he'll keep going. He has every right to say when it's the finish line for him. If he wants to keep going, no doubt people will be very happy about it."

Murray may not have reached the heights he did before his hip operation but world number four Alexander Zverev said the latter part of the three-times major champion's career was equally significant. —Agency

Cristiano Ronaldo set to bid farewell to Euros after ongoing tournament



CRISTIANO RONALDO: The legendary footballer, who recently confirmed that the ongoing Euro 2024 in Germany will be the final edition of the tournament he participates in during his playing career.

The 39-year-old Al Nassr striker is currently competing in his record sixth edition of the European Championship.

He will be 43 years old when the next edition of the Euros takes place in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in 2028, CGTN reported.

Ronaldo told Portuguese broadcaster RTP: "Without a doubt it's the last Euro [for me], of course it is. But I'm not emotional about that. I'm proud to do my best for this shirt, whether I fail or not. Football enters by the enthusiasm I have for the game, the enthusiasm I see in the fans, having my family here, people's passion."

"It's not about leaving the world of football. What else is there for me to do or win?"

The former Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus star has made 211 appearances for his native Portugal since his debut in 2003 and has scored 130 goals for the team, leading them to win the European title in 2016.

Earlier this week, Portugal beat Slovenia in a penalty shootout in their round of 16 game at Euro 2024.

The five-time Ballon d'Or award winner missed a game-winning penalty in the second half of extra time, but converted his side's first attempt in the shootout. Ronaldo said: "It's doubtful it's those who fail are those who try, too. I will always do my best for this shirt, whether I fail or not. As you saw, I missed the penalty, but I wanted to be the first to score [on the penalty shootout] because you have to take responsibility when the team has to. —Agency

ENTERTAINMENT



Kylie Jenner keeps Timothee Chalamet away from 'Kardashians' reality TV



KYLIE JENNER: Kylie Jenner refuses to spill the beans on her romance with Timothee Chalamet for a reason.

The beauty mogul, who has been dating the A-list actor for a year now, hasn't once talked about her romantic dynamics on her family's reality TV show The Kardashians, despite their \$100million Hulu deal.

A source now tells PEOPLE that Kylie is "very protective" of her relationship with Timothee, and specifically chooses to keep him off the camera.

"Things are great with Timothee. Kylie is happy. They are both busy, but making time to see each other, especially on the weekends," the insider spilled.

Gushing about their romance and how they always make it work, they further added, "He's been working in N.Y.C. She's visited him and he's also been back to L.A. some weekends. They're making it work. Kylie is protective of the relationship, but whenever she talks about him, she has a huge smile."

"She really likes so many things about him," they added further.

The tip comes after Kylie and Timothee's debunked breakup rumors as they were spotted on a romantic date at TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.

At the time, a source privy to Daily Mail had also shared that the Wonka actor has reportedly met Kylie's

Saba Qamar joins Mahira Khan on Khalilur Rehman Qamar's blacklist



PAKISTANI PLAYWRIGHT: and director Khalilur Rehman Qamar is once again making headlines, this time for declaring that he will never work with leading actress Saba Qamar.

Previously, the firebrand screenwriter had drawn controversy when he publicly refused to work with megastar Mahira Khan.

During a recent podcast, the host asked Qamar if there was any actress he would never cast in his dramas. In response, Qamar explicitly mentioned Saba Qamar, stating that he would not cast her in any of his projects due to her choice of "vulgar" attire, which he believes is against his standards.

"There is no doubt that Saba Qamar is an excellent actress and she performed brilliantly in one of my past dramas. However, her current choice of clothing is against our culture and my principles," the playwright explained.

He acknowledged that Saba Qamar's wardrobe choices are her personal preference and that he has no issue with her liking them.

However, he emphasized that he has the right to select actors for his projects based on his own criteria.

The playwright further mentioned actors Humayun Saeed and Adnan Siddiqi as those he would like to work with repeatedly.

It's worth noting that in the past, Qamar faced significant criticism from the entertainment industry, including from Mahira Khan, for his inappropriately comments towards Marvi Sirmed during a TV program on the Aurat March.

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