



# THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: Residents of Husri are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad press club against their area's influential persons.—RT

## MPA Adil Altaf Unar felicitates Adi Faryal Talpur



By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: In a gesture of appreciation and support, Pakistan People's Party (PPP) MPA Adil Altaf Unar recently met with PPP Ladies Wing Central President MPA Adi Faryal Talpur to congratulate her on her new role as Chairman of the Standing Committee of Home Department in the Sindh Assembly. The meeting, held in Larkana, underscored MPA Adil Altaf Unar's commitment to fostering development in PS-13 and beyond. During their discussion, MPA Adil Altaf Unar highlighted the PPP's dedication to enhancing essential ser-

ices and launching transformative projects across Sindh, stretching from Karachi to Kashmir. Notably, plans are in motion to establish a university in Larkana, aimed at providing quality education similar to that offered in Karachi. This initiative aligns with the visionary ideals of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, emphasizing practical education to empower future generations. The meeting between MPA Adil Altaf Unar and Adi Faryal Talpur signals a collaborative effort towards advancing developmental goals and improving the lives of citizens across various cities in Sindh.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Tando Muhammad Khan are holding a protest demonstration at the Hyderabad press club against their local land mafia.—RT

## MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro condemns prolonged power outages in Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's Political Secretary, MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro held a press conference in Larkana city where he stated that including across Sindh, there is a major electricity crisis and frequent load shedding in Larkana. When electricity bills are paid, consumers are still forced to endure power outages. The discretionary powers of SEPCO officials are not being used to maintain transformers, resulting in frequent breakdowns in Larkana city and imposing hardships on consumers. During peak summer, electricity is cut off from 15 to 18



hours, and even hospitals have faced power outages. This has led to severe difficulties for patients, including cases of heatstroke, which is a matter of grave concern. The Sindh government has been urged to take immediate action. On the occasion, Jameel Ahmed Soomro felicitated the newly elected

office-bearers of the Larkana Press Club including President Mur-taza Kalhor, General Secretary Naveed Larik, Finance Secretary Abdul Qadir Jagirani, President of Press Photographers and Cameramen's Association and Member of LPC's Governing Body, Nadeem Akhtar Soomro.

## Town Committee Chairman Kamran Abbas Kubar reviews Muharram arrangements in Setharja



By Azhar Kubar

SETHARJA: Kamran Abbas Kubar, Chairman of the Town Committee Setharja, convened a crucial meeting with leaders from religious organizations in the town to strategize and coordinate municipal services for the upcoming month of Muharram. The meeting included representatives from Ghulam-e-Haider Karrar Setharja, such as President Zawar Faiz Ali Lund, Zawar Naseem Raza Lund, and Syed Ehsan Ali Shah, alongside Ahle Sunnat leader Hafiz Ejaz Ahmed, Councilor Ghulam

Abbas Nol, and Town Officer Muhammad Ayub Phulio. Discussions focused on key issues including cleanliness, illumination, and security arrangements throughout Setharja during Muharram processions and gatherings. Chairman Kamran Abbas Kubar, addressing the media, affirmed that comprehensive instructions have been issued to municipal staff to ensure seamless delivery of services across urban and rural areas during the solemn observances of Muharram. He emphasized the provision of essential facilities and the establishment of an emergency cell at the town office to promptly address any arising issues. Underlining the significance of maintaining peace and facilitating religious activities, Chairman Kamran Abbas Kubar reiterated the committee's commitment to safeguarding the sanctity of Muharram and ensuring a supportive environment for all participants. As preparations intensify, Setharja residents and religious organizations express confidence in the town committee's proactive approach and readiness to uphold community welfare during this significant period of remembrance.

## Town Committee Chairman TJM Qazi Noor Muhammad Sand reviews Muharram arrangements

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: Town Chairman Qazi Noor Muhammad Sand of Tando Jan Muhammad Town Committee convened a crucial meeting to assess and bolster preparations for the upcoming month of Muharram. The gathering, attended by representatives from various essential departments including WAPDA, health services, police, and council members, focused on ensuring comprehensive arrangements for security, cleanliness, electricity supply, water distribution, and emergency response protocols within the town.



to ensure that health services remain prepared for any medical emergencies. WAPDA ensures minimal electricity load-shedding, and the police department maintains a visible and vigilant presence to safeguard public order. Additionally, arrangements were finalized to deploy ambulances, police personnel, WAPDA officials, and sanitary workers at strategic points across the town to swiftly respond to any contingencies that may arise.

Vice Chairman Shehzad Arain, Town Officer Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, along with officials from police and WAPDA, actively participated in the

planning session, contributing to the comprehensive strategy aimed at ensuring a secure and conducive environment for the commemoration of Muharram. Journalists were also present to report on the deliberations and preparations discussed during the meeting. As the town gears up for the observance of Muharram, Chairman Qazi Noor Muhammad Sand reiterated his commitment to overseeing meticulous arrangements that prioritize the safety, well-being, and spiritual needs of the community during this significant period of religious observance.

The protesters, echoing Otho's grievances, called upon the authorities to intervene and address the injustice he has faced. They emphasized the need for immediate action to uphold justice and protect Otho's rights in the face of alleged intimidation and coercion. The protest highlighted deep-seated familial tensions and legal rights concerns within the community, underscoring the importance of legal recourse and safeguarding individual liberties amidst family disputes.

As the community rallies behind Ameer Bux Otho's plea for justice, they await a response from authorities to resolve the dispute and ensure fairness and security for all involved parties in Daulatpur.

## DC Mirpurkhas ordered to complete city survey of Tando Jan Muhammad

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: According to the announcement by the Regional Director of the Sindh Ombudsman in Mirpurkhas, Zulfiqar Ali Junejo, the Provincial Ombudsman of Sindh has directed the Deputy Commissioner of Mirpurkhas to complete the city survey of Tando Jan Muhammad. This directive comes following a request by Iftikhar Gandhi and other residents of Tando Jan Muhammad, who sought a survey after the burning of records on completion of the city survey within 60 days of the former Prime Minister Shaheed Benazir Bhutto's assassination. In response, the relevant department ap-

pointed the Assistant Commissioner of Digri as the inquiry officer, who resolved 450 out of 2000 claimant cases. Further investigation revealed that the Senior Member of the Board of Revenue issued a notification appointing the Assistant Commissioner of Digri as the inquiry officer, instructing him to complete the city survey records of Tando Jan Muhammad within 180 days.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner of Mirpurkhas was directed to oversee the completion of the city survey within 60 days and investigate any delays in the survey process, ensuring that responsible officers are held accountable.

## Jacobabad's civil society rallies against excessive load shedding of electricity

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Leaders and concerned citizens of Jacobabad, including Nadeem Qureshi, Abdul Sami Soomro, Noor Muhammad Manjho, Babal Korejo, and Gul Hassan Soomro, spearheaded a protest rally across various parts of the city to denounce the extreme electricity load shedding amidst scorching temperatures.

The demonstrators converged in front of the press club, staging a sit-in protest that disrupted traffic flow as they voiced their grievances under the relentless sun. Addressing the gathered crowd, leaders emphasized Jacobabad's status as one of Asia's hottest cities and condemned the severe electricity shortages plaguing its residents. They lamented the disparity in relief efforts compared to other cities facing similar climatic



challenges. According to the leaders, urban areas endure between 14 to 16 hours of daily power cuts, while rural areas sometimes go without electricity for days, severely impacting daily life and local businesses.

As tensions simmered, Jacobabad's civil society rallied behind these demands, expressing solidarity in their struggle for essential services and relief from the severe electricity crisis gripping the city. They issued a stern warning, threatening to intensify their protests by besieging electricity company offices if their demands for immediate relief were not met. The protesters demanded immediate measures to alleviate the electricity crisis during



HYDERABAD: Residents of Hussainabad are holding a protest demonstration for the acceptance of their demands, at the Hyderabad press club.—RT



LARKANA: Rangers and Police officials are carrying out a combing search operation against criminals as security has been heightened in the city to maintain the law and order situation during the Holy Month of Muharram-ul-Haram.—RT



## The Perils Of Orwellian Wiretapping On The Pretext Of National Security

The recent decision by the current government to grant security agencies the authority to tap phones under the guise of national security raises serious concerns about the potential for abuse and the erosion of civil liberties. While national security is undeniably critical, this move risks turning into a tool for political suppression and unchecked surveillance. The notification, issued under Section 54 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act, 1996, ostensibly aims to protect the nation. However, history shows that such powers often lead to overreach and misuse. Opposition leader Omar Ayub Khan's stark warnings about the potential for this decision to backfire are not unfounded. The capacity to intercept any person's phone conversations can easily be

exploited to target political adversaries, journalists, and activists under the pretext of security concerns. The implications of such an Orwellian prac-



tice are profound. It not only threatens the privacy of individuals but also undermines democratic principles by stifling dissent and free expression. The use of wiretapping as a political weapon can lead to a climate of fear, where opposing voices are silenced not through debate and discussion, but through intimidation and coercion. This decision sets a dangerous precedent. In a democracy, the bal-

ance between security and civil liberties must be carefully maintained. The honourable courts have a critical role to play in scrutinizing this notification. It is imperative that judicial oversight ensures that the government does not trample on constitutional rights in the name of national security. The courts must act swiftly to prevent the potential abuse of power and safeguard the fundamental freedoms of the Pakistani people. Thus, while the need for national security cannot be understated, it should not come at the expense of civil liberties. The government must reconsider this notification, and the courts must intervene to ensure that Pakistan does not slide further down the slippery slope of authoritarianism. The protection of our democratic values and individual freedoms must remain paramount.

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LARKANA: Political Secretary to PPP Chairman, MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro is addressing a press conference at the Larkana press club-RT

## GDA's Jam Nafees condoles sad demise of Late Haji Moosa Mughal

By Hakim Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: The community continues to mourn the loss of the revered figure, Late Haji Moosa Mughal, from the Mughal community. Condolences poured in from across the region as GDA leader Jam Nafees Ali Khan, alongside Nawab Jam Sadiq Ali Khan, Assistant Mukhtiar Tando Adam Shahid Hussain Marri, and a host of political and social dignitaries, gathered to pay their respects to the grieving family members.

Late Haji Moosa Mughal's passing has left a profound impact on those who knew him, admired him, and benefited from his wisdom and generosity. Assembled at the solemn occasion, leaders expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members, including



Muhammad Ilyas Mughal, Muhammad Akram Mughal, and Muhammad Saleem Mughal. They offered prayers for the departed soul, seeking forgiveness and solace for the family during this challenging time of loss.

The gathering reflected the esteem and regard in which Late Haji Moosa Mughal was held within the community, highlighting his contributions and the void left by his departure. Leaders and attendees shared

memories of his benevolence, leadership, and enduring legacy, underscoring his pivotal role in community welfare and unity. As the community comes together in mourning, the legacy of Late Haji Moosa Mughal continues to inspire and resonate, serving as a reminder of the profound impact of his life and the enduring bonds of solidarity within the Mughal community and beyond.

## Umrani community notable Ali Khan Umrani passes away in NWM

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: The Umrani community is in mourning following the untimely demise of Ali Khan Umrani, a respected figure, who succumbed to a fatal heart attack on Tuesday.

Ali Khan Umrani's funeral prayers were solemnly conducted, and his body was laid to rest at the family's ancestral graveyard. The ceremony was attended by prominent members of the community, civil society leaders, and a multitude of individuals from diverse backgrounds who gathered to pay their respects.

Describing him as a pillar of the Umrani community, mourners reflected on Ali Khan Umrani's contributions and leadership, recalling his dedication to his welfare and unity of his people. His sudden passing has left a profound void among those who knew him, with many expressing their condolences and memories of his impactful presence in Nawab Wali Muhammad.

As the community continues to mourn his loss, Ali Khan Umrani's legacy of service and commitment remains cherished among all people. His sudden passing has left a profound void among those who knew him, with many expressing their condolences and memories of his impactful presence in Nawab Wali Muhammad.

-Can you believe this?

## Dead chickens dumped in Rohri Canal near Khesana Mori

By Irfan Ali Khushk

TANDO JAM: A disturbing incident unfolded early this morning as thousands of dead farm chickens were discovered dumped into the Rohri Canal near Khesana Mori. Local residents, alarmed by the sight and stench, reported that several smaller branches of the Rohri Canal converge at Khesana Mori, where these dead chickens were discarded.

According to eyewitness accounts, the farm chickens had perished due to disease and were irresponsibly disposed of in the canal. Concerns were raised about the potential contamination of water in the canal branches, which eventually flow into the main Rohri Canal. This contaminated water poses a significant risk to the health of animals and humans alike, as many villages depend on this water source for drinking and livestock purposes.

Local leaders and residents expressed outrage over the irresponsible dumping, citing previous incidents where



toxic substances discharged into these branches had led to disease outbreaks among livestock such as Sobho Magi, Allah Dino Jamali, and Murad Jamali. Such outbreaks have resulted in substantial losses for farmers, underscoring the critical need for stringent measures to prevent environmental contamination and safeguard public health.

Calls have intensified for authorities to swiftly identify and apprehend those responsible for dumping the dead chickens into the canal. Community members urged immediate action to mitigate the environmental and health risks posed by this incident, emphasizing the importance of maintaining clean and safe water sources for rural communities.

As investigations unfold, local authorities and environmental agencies are expected to collaborate closely to address the aftermath of this egregious act and prevent similar incidents from recurring in the future.



LARKANA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Larkana, Mir Rohal Khan Khoso and Deputy Commissioner Larkana, Sharjeel Noor Chana along with other officials are reviewing the security arrangements and mourning procession routes for the Holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram-RT

## Samo Ittehad leads protest against Steel Town Police

By Hyder Shah

MIRPUR SAKRO: Leaders of Samo Ittehad, accompanied by Haji Ahmed Samo, Ashraf Samo, Nabi Bux Molipoto, Usman Samo, Qadir Molipoto, and social activists including Ayaz Lashari, Mansoor Qadir Lashari, and Karim Mirani, joined by members of Jeay Sindh Mahaz, Sakro Samaji Forum, Qaumi Awami Tehreek, and other community leaders, staged a protest condemning the actions of Steel Town Police following a fatal shooting incident.

The protest was sparked by an incident where police allegedly opened fire on a car, resulting in the death of a woman and injury to another individual.

Expressing outrage, the protesters gathered to demand justice for the victims and accountability for the police officers involved.

During the demonstra-



tion, leaders of Samo Ittehad and affiliated organizations vehemently denounced the use of excessive force by law enforcement and called for immediate action to register a case against the responsible officers. They urged authorities to ensure a thorough investigation into the incident and to provide compensation and support to the affected families.

The protest underscored broader concerns about po-

lice conduct and the need for transparency and accountability in law enforcement actions. Community leaders emphasized their commitment to pursuing legal avenues to uphold the rights of the victims and to prevent such tragedies from recurring in Mirpur Sakro. As the protest continued, participants reiterated their determination to seek justice and reaffirmed their solidarity with the affected families in their quest for justice and accountability.

## Moro Police beef up security measures for Muharram-ul-Haram

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: DSP Moro Sardar Khan Chandio and SHO Moro Ali Akbar Khokhar have announced stringent security arrangements ahead of Muharram-ul-Haram to ensure the safety and peaceful observance of the holy month.

In a joint statement, they emphasized that comprehensive monitoring of every movement will be implemented to bolster security measures throughout Moro. The central Imambarah has designated a procession route encompassing key areas such as Surhio Mohalla, Shaikh Mohalla, Syed Mohalla, Langkah Mohalla, Dadu Road, Main Road, Bukhari Mohalla, Jail Road, Shahi Bazaar, Hussaini Chowk, Vegetable Market, Lahoti Chowk, and the shrine of Sakhi Ibrahim Shah.



traditionally rented out during Muharram, are required to register their details at the Moro police station. Non-compliance will result in immediate legal repercussions. Furthermore, houses and shops equipped with CCTV cameras must ensure their visibility and proper alignment towards public spaces, reinforcing the local security

apparatus. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will also lead to strict legal actions being taken. The Moro Police assured the community of their commitment to maintaining peace and order during Muharram-ul-Haram, urging cooperation from residents and stakeholders to uphold safety protocols effectively.

## Deduction of BISP beneficiaries' stipends continues unabated in Mirpurkhas

By MY Chandio

MIRPURKHAS: The plight of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) beneficiaries in Mirpurkhas has worsened as reports of unjust deductions from their stipends continue unabated, exacerbating hardships for the already marginalized women. Despite these deductions, essential services such as access to drinking water remain glaringly absent, intensifying the suffering under the scorching summer heat.

Reports indicate that daily deductions from the stipends of poor women under the BISP have become commonplace, compounding their financial struggles. The situation has been further exacerbated by the absence of adequate arrangements for

drinking water, resulting in distressing scenes where women have reportedly fainted due to dehydration.

Adding to the distress, there have been disturbing reports of police intervention using batons against protesting beneficiaries in Bhan Singabab. Allegations suggest that local authorities and device holders have colluded in these deductions, highlighting a systemic failure in safeguarding the rights and well-being of vulnerable beneficiaries.

Affected women have come forward to voice their grievances, emphasizing the severe exploitation and the dire need for basic facilities that they are deprived of. The lack of transparency and accountability in the management of BISP funds

has only deepened their sense of disenfranchisement and despair.

As the situation unfolds, calls for immediate intervention to halt these exploitative practices and ensure the provision of essential services have intensified. Community leaders and activists are urging authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into these allegations and take swift action to address the grievances of the affected beneficiaries. In the face of these challenges, the plight of BISP beneficiaries in Mirpurkhas serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for reforms to protect the rights and dignity of those who are deprived of social welfare programs to alleviate poverty and hardship.

SPORTS



Hardik Pandya 'likely' to replace Rohit Sharma as India's T20I skipper



India's fast bowling all-rounder Hardik Pandya is likely to replace Rohit Sharma as India's T20I skipper after the latter announced his retirement from the shortest format of the game after winning the T20 World Cup 2024.

Naqvi gives 'free hand' to coaches as huddle mulls mercurial team's future

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi has given a 'free hand' to the men's team's coaches during his meeting with white-ball coach Gary Kirsten, red-ball's Jason Gillespie, and Assistant Coach Azhar Mahmood, sources told media on Tuesday.



The sources say that the huddle which mulled over matters pertaining to the team's coaching, has agreed that the players' inclusion in the squad will be subject to their fitness.

tion at this time. The foreign coaches also apprised the PCB chairman of their plan to improve the performance of the team with which the board's head agreeing with their suggestions.

It is worth mentioning that Gillespie and Kirsten were appointed Pakistan's red and white-ball coach respectively on a two-year deal.

Messi fit for Copa America semi-final against Canada, says coach



NEW JERSEY: Argentina captain Lionel Messi will be fit to play in Tuesday's Copa America semi-final against Canada in New Jersey, coach Lionel Scaloni said, despite the forward's hamstring injury concerns.

Messi returned to action on Thursday in Argentina's quarter-final win against Ecuador after missing the final group-stage match due to injury.

The 37-year-old Inter Miami player missed a penalty in the shootout that decided the game at Houston's NRG Stadium.

Chandimal wrecks havoc as Falcons crush Kings in LPL run-fest



DAMBULLA: Dinesh Chandimal's swashbuckling half-century eclipsed Puthum Nissanka's century and powered Kandy Falcons to a seven-wicket victory over Jaffna Kings in the 11th match of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2024.

Misbah-ul-Haq calls for evaluation of Babar Azam's inept performance

LAHORE: Former Pakistan captain and head coach Misbah-ul-Haq highlighted the need for the evaluation of Babar Azam's performance as white-ball captain, following the national team's dismal run in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.



Pakistan men's cricket team, in a first, were knocked out from the group stage of the T20 World Cup, majorly because of their upset defeat against the USA, followed by a gut-wrenching defeat against arch-rivals India.

"As far as Babar's performance is concerned, we need to see where he stands after four years. It's not just the captain's fault, the blame lies with all departments, including batting, bowling, and fielding," Misbah said.

ICC Champions Trophy 2025: PCB '95%' hopeful of India's participation

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials said there is 95% hope that the Indian cricket team will participate in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 in Pakistan, adding that as of now, no alternative plans have been formulated for the event.



They clarified that there is no consideration for a neutral venue option and stated that the tournament will 'unequivocally' be held in the country. Pakistan has been granted the hosting rights for the tournament several years ago.

However, they underscored that the final decision rests not with the cricket boards but with their respective governments. PCB officials reiterated their commitment to hosting the event in Pakistan, expressing hope for a successful tournament.

Djokovic destroys Rune to reach Wimbledon quarter-final



LONDON: Novak Djokovic produced his best display so far at this year's Wimbledon to dispatch Denmark's Holger Rune 6-3 6-4 6-2 and reach the quarter-finals for the 15th time.

He smashed eight fours and seven sixes on his way to a 37-ball 89 before making his way back to the dugout in the 14th over with 164 runs on the board.

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Scarlett Johansson reveals reason behind Colin Jost's cameo in Fly Me to the Moon movie



Scarlett Johansson has recently spilled the reason behind her husband Colin Jost's cameo in new movie, Fly Me to the Moon.

Jennifer Lopez makes final call on Ben Affleck marriage



Jennifer Lopez has seemingly cleared her stance over Ben Affleck's alleged troubled marriage.

Face of the Day



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## SCA Vice Chairman Nabi Bux Sathio urges CM Murad to make proper arrangements ahead of upcoming floods

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: The Senior Vice President of the Sindh Chamber of Agriculture, Nabi Bux Sathio has demanded of the concerned authorities to remove Secretary Irrigation and Sindh's Member in IRSA as their negligence has caused historical damage to growers of Sukkur Barrage. The level of water has been decreased in the name of repairing the doors of the Sukkur Barrage without thinking that how much this step will impact on the overall agriculture in the province of Sindh and the growers who were waiting for water anxiously. The inept performance and policies have also resulted in huge loss to the growers of



command area of Kotri Barrage. The contaminated water of Manchar Lake is also being released in River Indus to barren the agricultural lands of Tando Muhammad Khan, Badin, Thatta and Sujawal districts. Nabi Bux Sathio also expressed concern over the arrangements made for the monsoon rains because the embankments of the canals and branches are not able to

sustain pressure of water in the province of Sindh due to which the growers should be ready for the worst conditions due to apathy of the concerned authorities. He urged the Sindh CM to ensure the posting of the experienced and talented people in the Irrigation Department and IRSA so that the people saved from any natural disaster.

## Young Man Brutally Murdered Over Money Dispute In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD:

In a harrowing incident, a young man named Nasser Shah was fatally beaten by several individuals in Kahoot Colony, Hyderabad, allegedly over a dispute regarding borrowed money, police confirmed on Tuesday. According to police sources, the gruesome incident unfolded when Nasser Shah confronted the accused to recover the money he had lent. The perpetrators mercilessly tortured him before dumping his severely injured body near a police station. Tragically, Nasser Shah succumbed to his injuries while being rushed to the hospital for medical treatment.

## Haji Abdul Razzaq Khan Mahar chairs meeting of Khanpur Town Committee

By Shad Mahar



GHOTKI: Haji Abdul Razzaq Khan Mahar, Chairman of Khanpur Town Committee, led a significant meeting attended by key members including Pradeep Kumar, Ghanashyam Das, and Mumtaz Ali Gudani. The session focused on approving the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25, a decision that received unanimous support from all committee members.

Addressing the gathering, Taluka Chairman Haji Abdul Razzaq Khan Mahar highlighted the ongoing developmental initiatives across Khanpur Taluka. He underscored their commitment to enhancing infrastructure and services, emphasizing plans for upcoming projects aimed at further extending the region's development network. Regarding civic priorities, Chairman Haji Abdul Razzaq Khan Mahar reiterated the paramount importance of cleanliness in Khanpur Mahar city. He assured that municipal staff are diligently engaged in sanitation efforts to maintain the town's cleanliness standards. In preparation for Muharram, Chairman Mahar instructed the staff to ensure impeccable facilities at all Imambargahs starting from the first of Muharram, underscoring the significance of facilitating religious observances with utmost care and diligence. Chairman Haji Abdul Razzaq Khan Mahar concluded by reaffirming his dedication to serving the people of Khanpur Taluka, pledging to continue prioritizing development and community welfare as core objectives of the committee's mandate.

## Municipal Committee Chairman Abdul Ghaffar Memon vows to resolve Pir Jo Goth's civic issues

By AQ Khilji

PIR JO GOTH: Abdul Ghaffar Memon, Chairman of the Municipal Committee of Pir Jo Goth, addressed the media in a press conference where he outlined plans to improve civic amenities and enforce municipal regulations for the betterment of the town.



Chairman Memon issued a stern warning to individuals illegally occupying municipal properties, citing a directive from the Sindh High Court. He emphasized that those encroaching must vacate immediately, warning of legal consequences for non-compliance. This ultimatum, he stressed, marks the final notice through the media. Highlighting future initiatives, Memon announced plans to utilize cleared areas for public benefit. Proposed projects include establishing a gymnasium, public park, community hall, and RO plants to enhance local facilities and promote community well-being.

## Six Suspects Granted Bail In Sanghar Camel's Leg Chopping Case

SANGHAR: The Additional Sessions Judge on Tuesday approved the bail pleas of six accused in the shocking case of a camel's leg being chopped off in Sanghar, as reported by media sources. The Additional Sessions Judge granted bail to Darya Khan Shar, Jaffer Butt, Abid Shar, Abdul Shakoor Shar, Gul Baig Lashari, and Rustam Shar against surety bonds of Rs 200,000 each. The judge ordered their release on bail and postponed further hearing of the case to July 12.

## JWC rallies for abducted Sana Rahu's recovery

By Ijaz Jochio



DAULATPUR: Members of the Jaffaria Welfare Committee (JWC) in Qazi Ahmed staged a passionate protest on Tuesday demanding the immediate recovery of abducted teenager Sana Rahu. Addressing the media, protest leaders including Raza Muhammad Rahu, Amjad Rahu, Sali Lakhro, MB Dahri, and others expressed deep concern over Sana Rahu's abduction nine months ago and criticized the authorities for their failure to locate her.

The protesters highlighted the distressing ordeal faced by Sana Rahu's family and emphasized the urgent need for law enforcement agencies to intensify efforts in tracing her whereabouts. They called upon higher authorities to take decisive steps towards ensuring her safe return, warning of escalating their protests if swift action is not taken. The demonstration in Daulatpur underscores growing community frustration over unresolved cases of abduction and the perceived ineffectiveness of law enforcement in addressing such serious crimes. As the outcry for justice amplifies, local residents and activists remain resolute in their demand for concrete measures to secure the release of Sana Rahu and uphold the safety of all community members.

## MSF Chairman Advocate Abdul Hayee Soomro complains to President Zardari about Jacobabad's poor health facilities

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Advocate Abdul Hayee Soomro, a prominent social activist and Chairman of the Mehran Social Forum (MSF), has raised concerns over the deteriorating state of JIMS Hospital and Civil Hospital in Jacobabad, despite significant investments and annual budgets exceeding 60 crore rupees. In a formal complaint letter addressed to President Asif Ali Zardari, Soomro highlighted the severe lack of adequate medical facilities and essential medicines for patients. According to Soomro, mismanagement and corruption have plagued the administration of these crucial health institutions, resulting



Sindh. Acknowledging the urgency of the matter, the President's Secretariat has issued directives to the Health Secretary to promptly address the deficiencies at JIMS and Civil Hospital in Jacobabad. Abdul Hayee Soomro expressed optimism that these steps will lead to substantial improvements, making healthcare services more accessible and beneficial for impoverished patients in the region. As the community awaits tangible reforms, Advocate Abdul Hayee Soomro and the MSF continue to advocate for enhanced healthcare infrastructure and transparent governance to ensure quality medical care reaches those in need across Jacobabad.

## Tando Bago's growers protest against shortage of water in Akram Wah

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: Local growers from Tando Bago staged a vigorous protest on Tuesday against the acute shortage of water in Akram Wah. Speaking to the media, protest leaders Aziz Dero, Abdul Ghafoor Chandio, Pir Ali Murad Shah, and others voiced their grievances over the detrimental impact on their agricultural lands. They lamented the apathetic response from concerned authorities towards resolving the water scarcity issue. During the demonstration, protesters urged higher authorities to promptly intervene and address the pressing water shortage crisis. They emphasized that failure to take immediate action would compel them to escalate their protests further.

## Muharram Majalis start in Tando Adam

By Mumtaz Ali

TANDO ADAM: As the sacred month of Muharram unfolds, echoing cries of "Ya Hussain, Ya Hussain" resonate across the globe, marking the beginning of mourning and reflection in Tando Adam. At Azakhana Zahra Jann Shah, the first majlis-e-aza was convened, where revered religious scholar Allama Wali Muhammad Chandio delivered a poignant address. He emphasized that the message

of Karbala epitomizes the resilience of Islam, underscoring how the sacrifices of Karbala continue to uphold the essence of the faith in the modern world. Throughout the city, elaborate setups and banners adorn the streets, adorned with sacred symbols to honor and commemorate this solemn occasion. The procession of mourners commenced late into the night, a solemn tribute to the martyrs of Karbala. In light of these gatherings, stringent security measures have been put in place, overseen by the elite squad of the police force. Their vigilant presence ensures peace and order, with patrols and surveillance deployed across every neighborhood and thoroughfare. The start of Muharram not only signifies a time of mourning but also stands as a testament to the enduring spiritual legacy that continues to resonate within the hearts of believers.

## Rind community demands arrest of Sajjad Hussain Rind's killers

By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: The residents of the village Muhammad Hashim Rind in the jurisdiction of Qazi Ahmed police station, led by Altaf Rind, Hidayatullah Rind, Sajjad Rind and others, staged a protest outside the Nawabshah Press Club. They were holding banners to protest the murder of their young man, Sajjad Hussain Rind, who they claim was killed without any fault by influential accused individuals Ali Bux alias Bano Lund, Abu Bakar Rind, Mumtaz Rind and



Yamin Rind on June 5, 2024, at Qazi Ahmed Bypass. Speaking to the media, Altaf Rind, Hidayatullah Rind, and others alleged that their innocent brother, Sajjad Hussain Rind, was brutally murdered by the aforementioned influential accused due to a marriage dispute. They claimed that Ali Bux alias Bano Lund, due to his wealth and political backing, has influenced the police and managed to secure interim bail. They also mentioned that Ali Bux Lund is threatening them to withdraw the murder case and is causing them fur-

## Majlis-e-Aza held at Jaffaria Masjid Azakhana-e-Zahra (SA) in Tando Adam



By Dildar Samo

TANDO ADAM: Allama Wali Muhammad Chandio delivered a compelling address during the Majlis-e-Aza held at Jaffaria Masjid Azakhana-e-Zahra (SA) in Tando Adam. He passionately expounded on the eminence of the Ahle Bait (AS), highlighting their unparalleled virtues such as knowledge and infallibility. Allama Chandio emphasized that these divine qualities affirm the Ahle Bait's rightful position of imamate and leadership. Meanwhile, Allama Hizbullah Hyder, addressing the gathering at Imambargah

## Killers of PPP leader Syed Darbar Ali Shah sentenced to death

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: In a landmark verdict, the Model Trial Court in Tando Allahyar has sentenced to death two individuals, Arzi Bhattu and Abdul Shakoor Bhattu, for their involvement in the brutal murder of PPP leader Syed Darbar Ali Shah. The court, after a thorough trial, found the accused guilty of the heinous crime that occurred in 2018 within the jurisdiction of Nasarpur Police Sta-



tion. The sentencing also includes a fine of Rs 1 million each on the convicted murderers. The verdict marks a significant step towards delivering justice for the grievous loss suffered by the victim's family and the community at large.

## 10 injured in Sand community clash

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Tensions escalated in village Morio Sand on Tuesday as a clash erupted between two factions of the Sand community over a minor dispute. The confrontation quickly turned violent, with individuals from both groups wielding sticks and axes, resulting in injuries to ten men. Among

the injured were Ghulam Nabi Sand, Irfan Sand, Rashid Sand, Qurban Sand, Din Muhammad Sand, Muhammad Ishaq, Ahmed Ali, Ghulam Rasool, Abdul Quos, Khalid Sand, and others. The injured were swiftly transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. As of the reporting of this news, no formal complaint has been lodged regarding

the incident. The incident underscores the need for community dialogue and conflict resolution mechanisms to prevent such outbreaks of violence in the future. Local authorities are urged to intervene promptly to restore peace and security within the village and to prevent further escalation of tensions among community members.

## SAU issues last date for submission of admission forms

By Irfan Ali Khushk

TANDO JAM: The Director of Advanced Studies at Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Tando Jam, has announced an extension in the deadline for submission of application forms for admission to postgraduate degree programs for the 2024 batch. The new deadline for submission is now set for July 19, 2024. In addition to extending the submission deadline, the university has scheduled the entry test for these programs to be held on July 23, 2024, starting at 11:00 AM.

The tests will take place in the respective faculties of SAU, aimed at evaluating the academic preparedness and eligibility of applicants for various programs including MSc, MS, MSIT, MPHil, and PhD. Prospective candidates are encouraged to ensure timely submission of their application forms and to prepare adequately for the upcoming entry test. The university administration emphasized the importance of meeting the revised deadline to facilitate a smooth and organized admission process for all aspiring students. SAU continues to uphold its commitment to academic excellence and aims to provide quality education through its diverse range of postgraduate programs, contributing to the development of skilled professionals in the field of agriculture and allied disciplines. As the deadline approaches, students are advised to visit the university's website or contact the admissions office for further details and updates regarding the submission process and entry test arrangements.

# METRO KARACHI



KARACHI: PPP's Central Information Secretary, Shazia Marri is addressing press conference held at the PPP Media Cell in Bilawal House.—RT

## CM Murad orders for timely drainage of rainwater in Karachi

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah issued directives to municipal and other institutions to ensure coordinated efforts to address issues related to rainwater drainage and traffic management during the ongoing rains, media reported.

The chief minister directed the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) and cantonment boards to carry out coordinated efforts to ensure effective rainwater drainage and facilitate citizens.

CM Murad also directed the Transport Department work on the Red Line Corridor project to alleviate the difficulties faced by residents of Gulshan Iqbal and Taimur Nagar.

He directed the Traffic Police to be more active in managing traffic in Karachi especially in areas where uplift works are



being carried out to avoid difficulties for citizens. He also emphasised the need for better traffic management in areas where development work is underway.

Earlier in the day, many parts of Karachi received moderate to heavy rain. Surjani Town, New Karachi, North Karachi, Nagan Chowranghi, Nazimabad, North Nazimabad, Golimar and other parts received the rainfall.

Meanwhile, the Shadman Nullah in Nusrat Bhutto Colony overflowed, causing flooding and difficulties for the people in the surrounding areas.

The area around Hassan man No. 1, Sakhi Shad Graveyard Road, and adjacent parts have been particularly affected, with waterlogged streets and garbage littering the roads.—RT

## DSP Ali Raza Murder: Suspect Captured On CCTV Footage



KARACHI: The CCTV footage of alleged suspect, involved in killing Counter Terrorism Department Karachi's Karimabad area, DSP Ali Raza, has been emerged on Tuesday, media reported.

The CCTV footage available with media showed the alleged attacker, wearing a white shirt, entering the flats on a motorcycle.

The CCTV footage also shows Ali Raza's vehicle arriving at the gate and stopping momentarily before the attacker strikes.

Later, the suspect can be seen fleeing from the flats after firing shots at the mar-

tyred official's vehicle.

On July 7, CTD DSP Ali Raza and a security guard were assassinated near Karachi's Karimabad area. A security guard, who belonged to a private security company, was also injured in the firing and later succumbed to wounds during treatment at the Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Khattab said.

In a statement, the police said the investigation team has found 11 bullet shells at the scene, indicating that the attackers fired multiple shots.—RT/Agency.



KARACHI: Senior Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation, Transport, and Mass Transit, Sharjeel Inam Memon is addressing a press conference held at the Excise Department's office.—RT

## SHCC's Anti-Quackery Unit Achieves Significant Milestones

KARACHI: Under the leadership of Chairman Sindh Healthcare Commission (SHCC) Dr. Khalid Hussain Shaikh, the Board of Commissioners, and CEO SHCC, the Directorate of Anti-Quackery has reported substantial progress during the fiscal year.

Throughout the financial year (FY July 23 - June 24), SHCC steadfastly pursued its mission to eradicate quackery in accordance with regulatory laws. A total of 5625 inspections were conducted, identifying new "quack zones" across various districts and talukas.

In adherence to the law, 2334 quack outlets were sealed, and 1541 warning notices were issued to non-compliant healthcare practitioners to improve their practices. Additionally, 682 follow-up inspections were carried out on previously sealed outlets to ensure ongoing compliance, with 1068 outlets found operating within legal parameters.

The financial penalties recovered amounted to PKR 13.3 million, achieving an average recovery rate of 55%. Director Anti-Quackery S. Zeeshan A Shah emphasized the expansion of the work-



force to combat the growing challenge of quackery. In a proactive move, SHCC launched the SHCC HIV Outbreak Control Action Plan in collaboration with stakeholders such as WHO, CDC, SBTA, PPH District Government, and IG Office. This initiative, now in its 44th week, has led to the closure and sealing of over 1000 quackery outlets, with ongoing operations in District Mirpur Khas to address the rising HIV cases exacerbated by illegal clinics.

Key successes included effective stakeholder engagement, with Commissioners' Offices and District Commissioners forming joint task forces with SHCC Inspection & Enforcement teams. Law enforcement support from IGP Office and DIGs ranges facilitated timely deployment of police forces for on-field operations, advocating for simplified FIR processes at police stations for swift justice.

Director Anti-Quackery continued collaboration with DG Health Office to enhance support from District Health Officers in gathering authenticated quack data for expedited legal actions at district and taluka levels. Positive media coverage has been crucial in highlighting SHCC's efforts to combat and eliminate quackery. With an expanded workforce, SHCC Anti-Quackery Operations are set to intensify, extending operations to remote areas alongside major cities in the ongoing fight against quackery province-wide.—RT

## Victim's Brother Reveals Startling Details About CEO's Murder



KARACHI: Karachi police lodged a murder case of a software company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who was stabbed to death allegedly by an employee over unpaid salary in Karachi, media reported.

Meanwhile, Imtiaz, the victim's brother, lodged a case against the alleged murderer, Shoaib at the Tipu Sultan police station.

The shocking incident came to light in Karachi, where the CEO of a software company was allegedly murdered by an employee over unpaid salary.

According to the complaint, the victim, Naveed, was the CEO of Euro Tech Software House, located on the fourth floor of a building at Shahrah-e-Faisal.

The complainant said that Shoaib, an employee of the company who was not paid his salary for three months, had a heated argument with Naveed over the issue.

"Shoaib attacked Naveed with a knife, leaving him severely injured. Naveed was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries," the FIR read.

The police said that accused Shoaib had been employed at the company for nine months and was to be paid Rs 150,000 salary per month.—RT/Agency

## Khairpur Business Leader Haji Lala Ghaffar Shaikh Meets Former Sindh Minister Muhammad Noman Saigal

KARACHI: Khadim-Khairpur, Haji Lala A. Ghaffar Shaikh, President of Anjuman-e-Tajirani Khairpur, met today with the former Provincial Minister for Health, Information Technology, Environment, and Alternative Energy, Muhammad Noman Saigal, who also serves as the Convener of the Standing Committee on Horticulture at FPCCI.

The meeting took place at the Pearl Continental Hotel in Karachi.

Rotarian Sarfraz Korojeri, businessman Shaikh Waqar Yusuf Mago, and Qurban Mahar were also present at the meeting. They discussed various aspects of new business ventures for Sindh, including the development of recreational clubs, the cultivation of various



fruits, vegetables, and fresh flowers in different parts of Sindh, and the automation of universities, colleges, and industrial zones in the region.

Support for the transportation of horticulture products from interior Sindh to major cities was also discussed. Additionally, they talked about supporting press clubs in cultivating plants near major press clubs in Sindh. The agenda also included the extensive cultivation of various fruits, vegetables, and plants in all universities of Sindh.

Mr. Saigal invited all the guests to the federation house for the second meeting of the Horticulture Committee, scheduled to be held on Monday, July 22nd, in Karachi.—RT

## ANF Officers Accused Of Short-Term Kidnapping Incident In Karachi



KARACHI: Plainclothes officers at a recently established checkpoint allegedly detained the driver of a private ambulance and demanded bribe, media reported on Tuesday.

According to the details, the ambulance driver claimed that the narcotics officials after detaining him demanded bribe of Rs 50,000.

The ambulance driver reported that he was threatened with being falsely charged in a drug case if he did not pay the asked amount.

Under the pretext of conducting a search, the officers reportedly tore the cushions of all the ambulance seats and damaged the fuel tank and other parts of the vehicle.

The driver was on his way to deliver the body of a deceased child from a hospital in Hub area to the child's family when the incident occurred.

The narcotics control officials stopped him while he was en route to deliver the body.

The driver claimed that the officers removed his shirt, tied it around his mouth, and took him to a room where they interrogated him about an alleged drug dealer named Maryam.

The ambulance driver stated that he could identify the officials involved in the incident.

He also mentioned that a copy of the death certificate was shown to the child's family via WhatsApp during the ordeal.—RT/Agency

## Nazir Ahmed Bhutto Chairs Budget Session Of Ibrahim Hyderi Town



KARACHI: Nazir Ahmed Bhutto, Chairman of Ibrahim Hyderi Town Municipal Corporation, presided over a budget session where a public-friendly budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 was presented and unanimously approved. The budget amounts to approximately Rs 11,480,000,000, leading to an expected surplus of Rs 344,942,000 for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The budget session was attended by Vice Chairman Rafique Daud Jatt, Parliamentary Leader Akhtar Yousuf Arifani, Municipal Commissioner Masroor Nawaz Maseed Ghani, and Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Saif, Chief Account Officer Ifrikhar Dayo, council members, and other departmental officials.

Addressing the session, Chairman Nazir Ahmed Bhutto emphasized that the town's development and public service have always been his top priorities. He assured continued cooperation with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Minister of Local Government Saeed Ghani, and Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Saif, Chief Account Officer Ifrikhar Dayo, and council members, and other departmental officials.

## Sindh Government Launches Legal Aid and Human Rights Complaints Portals

KARACHI: The Sindh government's Human Rights Department has launched the Legal Aid and Human Rights Complaints Portals to provide free legal aid to marginalized individuals who are victims of human rights violations.

Ms. Fatima encouraged the public to utilize and promote these services. Mr. Iqbal Detho, Chairman of the Sindh Human Rights Commission, highlighted Sindh's unique position in having an independent Human Rights Commission with the authority to take suo moto action against fundamental rights violations. "We are working to mainstream legal aid mechanisms, with the Sindh government providing Rs 100 million for legal aid to the needy and poor," he added. Mr. Detho also mentioned the Commission's process of receiving complaints, investigating, and submitting recommendations to the relevant departments.

Jameel Hussain Junejo, Executive Coordinator of TIC, explained that this initiative aims to centralize all complaint mechanisms across various organizations in the province. Ms. Shehla Qureshi, Assistant Superintendent of Police, noted that the Sindh Police have their own complaint mechanism, with the Police Complaint Centre receiving 8,433 cases between 2020 and 2024.

Bisma Memon and Shahid Abro of the Human Rights Department elaborated on the functionality and efficiency of the new portals.—RT/Agency

## Mayor Wahab Warns Medical Officers Over Performance Issues

KARACHI: Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab has stated that the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) aims to improve its hospitals but stressed the need for a system of rewards and penalties to achieve this goal.

Wahab announced the suspension of Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Medical Superintendent of Sarfraz Rafique Shaheed Hospital, for being absent from duty. He warned that medical superintendents and other officers who fail to improve their performance will no longer be tolerated.

During a meeting of the KMC Medical Services Department, attended by Municipal Commissioner SM Afzal Zaidi, Senior Director Medical Services, and medical superintendents of all KMC hospitals, Wahab instructed all medical superintendents to submit a report within a week detailing the number of citizens treated in the past year. He warned that strict action would be taken against those providing incorrect figures.

Wahab expressed dissatisfaction with the performance



of major hospitals under KMC and required all medical superintendents to provide a written account of the officers and staff members on duty at their hospitals. He also emphasized that service books and personnel files of all doctors, paramedical staff, and employees should be readily available in hospitals.

Additionally, Wahab mandated that all doctors working in KMC hospitals take an oath within a week affirming that they are not serving or practicing elsewhere, and submit this oath to the Mayor's Secretariat. He urged medical superintendents to enhance the performance of their hospitals to ensure standardized medical services for patients. Immediate steps should also be taken to maintain cleanliness and ensure the availability of necessary medicines and medical equipment.

Wahab highlighted that KMC hospitals provide cost-effective medical facilities to citizens but stressed that this objective can only be achieved with improved performance and patient satisfaction. He warned that any delay or negligence would be tolerated, and those responsible, including superintendents and other officers, would face disciplinary action.

The Mayor emphasized that all instructions must be implemented without delay, and the performance of all KMC hospitals will be continuously reviewed and monitored for improvement.—RT

