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Chief Justice Clarifies PTI Candidates Were Not Granted Independent Status By Election Commission

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa clarified that the Election Commission erroneously interpreted the Supreme Court's decision by granting independent status to supported candidates of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), which was not within its authority.



During the hearing of a case related to seats allocated for Sunni Itehad Council candidates, Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa highlighted that the Election Commission misinterpreted the Supreme Court's decision. He noted that no PTI candidate challenged the Election Commission's decision, emphasizing that the Peshawar High Court's decision regarding the distribution of specific seats and the Election Commission's directive are deemed null because PTI was not included as a party in that decision. It was revealed dur-

ing the proceedings that multiple candidates, while submitting their nomination papers, declared themselves as PTI candidates and submitted party certificates for verification, but they were designated as independent candidates, a decision not authorized by the Election Commission. The hearing underscored that neither PTI nor any of its candidates appealed against the Election Commission's order in this court, nor did the Election Commission grant independent status contrary to the judicial process in electoral matters. Therefore, the court can review the constitutional status of Election Commission decisions, concluding that PTI is entitled to specific seats as a parliamentary party, requiring the Election Commission to re-distribute these seats inclusive of PTI and all parties anew.—RT/Agency

SC Rules PTI Eligible For Reserved Seats, Declares ECP's Allocation To Ruling Coalition Unconstitutional

-PTI gets major relief in historic judgment!



Ayesha Malik, Athar Minalah, Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Shahid Waheed, Irfan Saadat Khan, and Naqem Akhtar Afghan.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was entitled for reserved seats and that the Election Commission's decision of allocating reserved seats to the ruling coalition was unconstitutional.

The verdict on the Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) reserved seats case was announced by a full bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa.

It comprised of Justices Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Munib Akhtar, Yahya Afridi, Aminuddin Khan, Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Ayesha Malik, Athar Minalah, Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Shahid Waheed, Irfan Saadat Khan, and Naqem Akhtar Afghan.

The verdict suspended the previous decisions of ECP, PHC regarding the al-

location of reserved seats. Candidates of the PTI cannot be declared independent candidates, nor representatives of any other party, the verdict said adding that the ECP had incorrectly declared members of PTI as independents.

"The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was a political party, remains a political party", the order said while instructing the PTI to submit a list of its reserved seats candidates within 15 days. The decision was announced by a 8-5 majority of the full court bench.

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Justice Jamal Mandokhail, Justice Naqem

President Zardari And Azerbaijani Counterpart Discuss Bilateral Cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Azerbaijan have affirmed the commitment to expand cooperation in the areas of bilateral interest, especially energy, trade, connectivity, defence, and people-to-people linkages.

This was discussed during a meeting between President Asif Ali Zardari and the visiting President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev in Islamabad today.

Welcoming the President of Azerbaijan, Asif Ali Zardari said both countries enjoy excellent relations and have a great scope of further improving ties in various areas of mutual interest. He underlined the need for more regular engagements between the people and businessmen of Pakistan and Azerbaijan to cement bilateral ties.



He also welcomed the signing of Memoranda of Understanding between Pakistan and Azerbaijan, adding that the MoUs would give a new impetus to bilateral cooperation in the fields of trade, commerce, tourism, mines and minerals, science and technology, law and justice, and culture.

He said Pakistan wants to build a sustainable and result-oriented engagement with Central Asian Republics and Azerbaijan.

Speaking on the occasion, President Ilham Aliyev said the two countries needed to promote business-to-business relations for enhancing economic prosperity to the region.

PTI Given Unwarranted Relief: Rana Sanaullah



ISLAMABAD: PMLN senior leader and PTI's advisor on political affairs Rana Sanaullah Khan talking to media said the government would accept the majority verdict of the SC in the Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) reserved seat case.

He said the government's legal team has been reviewing the verdict and would respond accordingly. Rana Sanaullah said the legal team would decide whether a review petition would be filed or not.

Commenting on the verdict Rana Sanaullah claimed, "SIC petitions were rejected but PTI was given that relief which was neither asked in the petition nor contest during the proceeding."

"PMLN-N-led" unity movement did not have a two-thirds majority as parties formed the governments with a simple majority, he said.

Rana Sanaullah said PTI should contest Elections tribunals and the government would implement the decisions.—RT/Agency

Reserved Seats Verdict: Ruling Coalition Loses Two-Thirds Majority In National Assembly

ISLAMABAD: Following the Supreme Court's (SC) verdict on reserved seats, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is poised to become the majority party in the National Assembly.

The Supreme Court (SC) of Pakistan overturned the denial of reserved seats to the PTI-backed Sunni Itehad Council.

Following the verdict of the SC, the ruling coalition has lost two-thirds majority in the lower house of the Parliament (NA), however, they still enjoy the simple majority with 210 seats in the house. The opposition will have 125 seats.



Previously, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) allotted reserved seats to other parties in the assemblies.

Reserved seats issue The issue came to limelight after over 80 Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) backed independent candidates emerged victorious in the February 8 elections.

The SIC then approached the ECP on February 21 seeking allocation of reserved seats.

However, the PTI suffered a setback after the electoral body, citing the party's failure to submit its list of candidates, denied allocating the reserved seats to the SIC via its 4-1 majority verdict on March 4.

The election commission distributed the seats for women and minorities among other political parties.

The PTI-backed SIC had approached the court after the ECP refused to allocate the seats due to the party's failure to submit its list of candidates before the deadline. The Peshawar High Court's decision, leading the SIC to appeal to the Supreme Court.—RT/Agency

JUI-F Partially Accepts SC's Decision, Expresses Goodwill Towards PTI: Fazl

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rahman reacted to the Supreme Court (SC) of Pakistan's decision declaring the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) backed Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) eligible for reserved seats, media reported.

In a statement issued here, Maulana Fazlur Rahman said that only constitutional and legal experts could give an opinion on the decision.

"The JUI-F partially accepts the SC's decision and expresses goodwill towards the PTI," he added.

Maulana Fazlur Rahman hoped that this would improve relations between the two parties and be beneficial. He said that it would be helpful in creating an environment for negotiations to address reservations between the PTI and JUI-F.

The JUI-F chief said that his party, which would lose reserved seats in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly,



is not going to file a review appeal in the apex court.

Earlier in the day, the SC overturned the denial of reserved seats to the PTI-backed Sunni Itehad Council.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah announced the 8-5 majority verdict on a petition filed by the Sunni Itehad Council (SIC), an ally of the PTI.

Justice Athar Minalah, Justice Shahid Waheed, Muneeb Akhtar, Muhammad Ali Mazhar Ayesha Malik, Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Irfan Saadat Khan ruled in favour of the PTI.

The top court nullified

PTI Suspends Controversial Sher Afzal Marwat's Membership



ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has reportedly suspended the membership of Sher Afzal Marwat, a firebrand party leader who was elected to the National Assembly in the Feb 8 polls, media reported on Friday citing sources.

Sources said the PTI leaders met incarcerated party founder Imran Khan on Thursday where the decision regarding Marwat was taken.

The party leaders claimed that Sher Afzal Marwat was constantly violating the party discipline and over the past month.

"During the meeting with Imran Khan, it was agreed that no leader is above the party and all other leaders would face the same fate if they crossed the party line," they added.

Earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf issued a show-cause notice to Sher Afzal Marwat for making irresponsible statements.

As per details, the notice was issued by PTI Secretary General Omar Ayub Khan and asked Marwat to explain his statements within three days, which have been deemed damaging to the party's reputation.

The notice states that such statements are against the party's discipline and violate the clear instructions of the party's founder, Imran Khan, who has emphasized the importance of responsible behavior.

Marwat was warned that failure to respond or provide a satisfactory explanation may lead to further disciplinary action.—RT/Agency

PTI Praises Judiciary Following Landmark Victory In Reserved Seats Case

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has hailed the Supreme Court's (SC) verdict on the allocation of reserved seats as a 'historic decision' in the country's history.

"We finally got what we deserved," PTI chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said while speaking outside the apex court along with other PTI lawmakers following the Supreme Court's announcement of its verdict on Friday.



The chairman said that "today is a day of happiness for the 250 million people of Pakistan."

He noted that 11 judges of the top court voted in favour of PTI and also expressed gratitude to the judiciary for deciding in favour of the party.

"The greatest contribution was from KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur. He delayed the oath in the KP Assembly. There is no question of re-election," Gohar added.

"The Supreme Court has granted the right to its rightful owner today," Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) leader Sahibzada Hamid Raza.

He criticised the Election Commission, accusing it of attempting to steal the mandate, and highlighted the Supreme Court's lack of confidence in the electoral watchdog Raza demanded the immediate resignation of the chief of ECP.

"We aim to uphold democracy in Pakistan," PTI's senator Shibli Faraz stated.

He emphasised that the current government was established based on Form-45 and called for the restoration of the mandate.

Faraz praised the courts for allocating them the reserved seats, paying tribute to their decision to "uphold the flag of justice."

The Supreme Court of Pakistan in its verdict said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was entitled to reserved seats and that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP)'s decision to allocate reserved seats to the ruling coalition was unconstitutional.

During the announcement, PTI leaders chanted slogans on the SC premises.

Before the announcement today, Chairman Barrister Gohar expressed optimism about the allocation of their reserved seats while speaking to the media in Islamabad.

Barrister Gohar stated that the wait for the public is nearing its end and they are hopeful for a favorable decision from the Supreme Court.

"This is an issue of the basic rights of 250 million people," Barrister Gohar remarked, emphasizing the significance of the matter. He expressed confidence that PTI would receive their due seats, which he believes will strengthen democracy in the country.—RT/Agency

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-Bilawal urged to take action against those violating party discipline in Dadu! PPP's Pir Danish accuses Vice Chairman of trying to sabotage Dadu Municipal Committee's budget session

DADU: The Chairman of the Municipal Committee Dadu, Pir Danish Ali while talking to the media said that the budget session was held successfully in Dadu district as the majority of members attended it to pass the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25. While replying to a question he said that the Vice Chairman of the Municipal Committee Dadu, who is also the President of PPP City did not attend the very important session and he also asked the councilors not to attend the budget session. 13 members on the call of the Vice Chairman did not attend the session which is open violation of the party discipline as the party has assigned him duty as a chairman due to which all the party members should obey this decision. 20 members attended the budget session to pass the budget with



majority. If anyone has any reservation then he should discuss with the party leadership but the propaganda should not be spread against the PPP's stronghold in Dadu. He further announced to contact the President of PPP Sindh Nisar Ahmed Khuhro and Adi Faryal Talpur regarding the misconduct of the Vice Chairman and a few members of the Municipal Committee Dadu. He also thanked Adi Faryal Talpur for listening to his complaint. On the occasion he vowed to stand with the decision of the party leadership.—RT

Former Town Committee Chairman Talhar Mir Shahid Ahmed Talpur jailed for issuing bogus cheques to a trader



By Jibran Talpur
BADIN: The Civil Court Badin has jailed the former Chairman of the Town Committee Talhar, Mir Shahid Ahmed Talpur after he was booked in a case of providing bogus cheques to a trader named Raja Muntaz Khawaja. The case was registered in 2023. The former Chairman after being sentenced one and half year imprisonment was sent to jail.

DC Thatta Munawar Abbas Soomro reviews arrangements for monsoon season

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: A crucial meeting was held at Darbar Hall Makli, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Munawar Abbas Soomro, to review the arrangements for dealing with the monsoon rains. The meeting was attended by officials from various departments including Revenue, Health, Education, Livestock, Local Government, Social Welfare, Police, Irrigation, Public Health, Education Works, MURF, PPHI, Rescue 1122 and representatives from NGOs. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Munawar Abbas Soomro directed all relevant department officials to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place to deal with the monsoon rains, so that people do not face any difficulties in case of an emergency. He emphasized that all departments, particularly the Irrigation, Local Government, Livestock, and Health departments, should remain alert during such situations.



He instructed the Irrigation Department officials to ensure the repair and monitoring of all vulnerable embankments of the Indus River and the presence of necessary machinery. He also directed the officials from Local Government and other relevant departments to ensure timely drainage of rainwater, cleaning of disposals and drain channels, and to keep de-watering pumps and other machinery operational. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of coordination among all departments to effectively handle any potential emergencies. He instructed the Health Department officials to ensure the availability of necessary medicines, doctors, and paramedical staff at the district headquarters hospital, BHUs, and RHCs. Prior to this, officials from all relevant departments provided a detailed briefing on the pre-emptive arrangements in view of the monsoon rains.

DC Yasir Bhatti, SSP Sheeraz Nazir Abbasi review Muharram arrangements in Tando Bago

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: An important meeting regarding EPI and surveillance was organized at the DHO office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Badin Yasir Bhatti. DC Badin directed the Health Department officials to ensure the vaccination of children so that they could remain safe from 12 diseases. He also urged the people to get their children vaccinated against different diseases. These vaccines can be administered free of cost at any nearby EPI center. Briefing the meeting, Dr. Salam and Ramzan Qambrani said that in Badin district, with the help of 129 vaccinators and 996 lady health workers, free vaccinations against 12 dangerous diseases are administered in 80 EPI centers of the district. Dr. Zaheeruddin Memon, Assistant Commissioner Badin Shehryar Habib, MS Civil Hospital Dr. Mir



Akhtar Ali Talpur, District Manager PPHI Badin B Razia Ujjan, N Stop Officer Dr. Manzoor Memon, Dr. Sanaullah, Dr. Muntaz Chandev, Dr. Rajneesh, Dr. Gulab Kashmiri, Dr. Soomar Khoso and officers of all concerned departments also attended.

Solangi community demands action against Sinjhor Police



By Khadim Khaskheli
SANGHAR: The residents of village Muhammad Arab Solangi, UC Jaffar Khan Laghari in Taluka Sinjhorore expressed a protest demonstration against the actions of the Sinjhor Police. The protest leaders, who included Ghulam Mustafa Solangi, Mashooq Solangi, Ashiq Solangi and others said that the SHO of Sinjhor Police Station and In-charge of Rukan Burro are harassing them due to which they have to face many hardships. On the occasion, the protesters demanded of the higher authorities to take notice of the matter and provide justice to them, otherwise they have announced to widen their protest.

World Population Day commemorated in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: World Population Day was celebrated by the Population Welfare Department Badin on Friday. The celebration of World Population Day was held at the district office of the Department of Population Welfare under the supervision of District Population Welfare Officer Imran Channa said that this day was set by the United Nations and celebrated for the first time in 1989, since then World Population Day is celebrated every year to create awareness about the growing population of the world. To raise awareness of population issues and their impact on sustainable development, the day highlights the challenges faced by over-population, such as resource



scarcity, environmental impacts, and social inequality. It highlights the importance of family planning, gender equality, and maternal health, it is important to consider the implications of the growing population and work towards sustainable solutions for the future socio-economic of the world's population. Asghar Notkani, District Information Officer Sarfaraz Samo, District Manager HANDS Haider Ali Panhwar, Project Manager HABDS Nazish, Accountant Zahid Hussain Anand and other speakers also spoke on this occasion and felicitated Family Welfare Counselors and Social Mobilizers for their outstanding performance in Population Welfare Badin. Appreciation certificates were also distributed for the best performance before the ceremony.

SSP Thatta Muhammad Imran Khan pays tribute to Police martyrs

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: SSP Thatta, Muhammad Imran Khan, recently honored the enduring legacy of martyrs, emphasizing that their bravery and sacrifice ensure they are not dead but eternally alive. Speaking after laying flowers at the memorials of police martyrs and visiting their families, Khan highlighted the profound impact of their sacrifices on the nation's spirit. He stated that the death of a martyr fuels the life of the nation, igniting hope and national unity. SSP Thatta remarked that the best way to



honor martyrs is by recognizing and appreciating their sacrifices. He pointed out that the police have played a pivotal role in maintaining peace and order, especially in the aftermath of terrorism. Their unwavering dedication to protecting lives and property and enforcing the law underscores their critical role in civic life.

Population Welfare Dept, HANDS observe World Population Day in Umerkot



By Muhammad Bachal
UMERKOT: The Population Welfare Department and HANDS Pakistan observed the World Population Day by taking out a rally and holding awareness seminar. The District Officer of Population Welfare Department Abdul Hameed Memon, Focal Person of HANDS Narendar Kumar, ADHO Dr Lashman Kumar, ADHO Muhammad Aslam Bhatti, Muhammad Bux Kunbhar, Dr Laila Pardeep, Dr Pooja, Dr Pavan Kumar and others led the rally and attended seminar.

ARTS Foundation holds a women's assembly in Mirpurkhas

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: In Mirpurkhas, the social organization Advocacy, Research, Training and Services (ARTS) Foundation, with financial assistance from Oxfam Pakistan and in collaboration with Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO), organized a Women Assembly event under the Flood Recovery and Response: A Community-Wide Approach in Sindh project in the district of Mirpurkhas. Participants included workers from political parties, government social workers from the protection sector, and over 160 women, children, and men from twenty different villages. The Project Manager of ARTS Foundation, Ali Hasan Noon, welcomed the participants on behalf of the foundation and provided a detailed introduction to the Flood Recovery and Response project. He explained how ARTS Foundation works for the protection, development, and equality of various socially and economically disadvantaged groups in society, including women, girls, and children, and aims to safeguard their social, economic, political, and human rights. The program officially began with Protection Officer Yusra informing the attendees about the project's performance. During the event, cultural gifts of Sindh, including Ajrak, various prizes, and certificates of appreciation, were distributed by the organization to highlight the importance of political party workers and government workers and volunteer social workers from the protection sector. Mir Anwar Ali Talpur, Chairman of District Council Mirpurkhas, and Abdul Rauf Ghori attended the event as special guests. Chairman Anwar Ali Talpur congratulated the entire team of ARTS Foundation on organizing an excellent program. He saluted all the rural women and girls, acknowledging their contributions, and emphasized the importance of highlighting the significance of women and



girls living in rural areas of our society. He stressed the importance of education and urged the promotion of education among girls, stating that an educated woman can only create an educated society. Other notable attendees included Wajid Memon from the Social Welfare Department, Advocate Nusrat Miyano, In-charge of Safe House, Rehan Detho, Assistant Commissioner Kot Ghulam Muhammad, NABI Bux Gurguz, DEO Primary School, Asif Burghari, Chairman UC Digan Burghari, Bakhtiar Shah, Radha Bheel, Azra Begum, Dr. Syeda Tahira Bilal, Maryam Zahid Ali, Protection Officer from ARTS Foundation, Irfana, Public Health Promoter, Intiaz Ali, Public Health Promoter, Haris Najeeb, Public Engineer, Aiman Abbasi, Data Officer and Muharam Ali, SES Officer.

Municipal Committee Chairman Syed Samar Hussain Shah visits Imambargahs in Tando Allahyar



By Afaq Khanzada
TANDO ALLAHYAR: Chairman of the Municipal Committee Tando Allahyar, Syed Samar Hussain Shah Rizvi visited different Imambargahs to review arrangements for the Yaum-e-Ashura. He visited

Imambargah Sakhi Moj Darya, Anjum Safina-e-Hyderi and others, where he met with Syed Zahid Hussain Shah, Imdad Hussain Hyderi and other leaders. The Municipal Committee Chairman said that lighting has been ensured along the routes of the mourning processions and the municipal authorities have ensured cleanliness and other arrangements also. The stalls of Sabih have also been set up by the Municipal Committee, while all available resources are being used to facilitate the mourners of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS).

TMK's civil society protests against illegal deductions from needy women's BISP stipends

By Abdul Sattar
TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: The local civil society leaders and BISP beneficiaries recorded a protest demonstration against the deduction from the stipends of the poor women at the centre set up at the Mono Technical College. The protest leaders, who included Razia Sehto, Zahid Jiskani, Javed Halepoto, Azmat Brohi and others said that Rs 2000 are being deducted from their stipends by the device holders due to which they are facing many hardships. The protesters demanded of the higher authorities to take steps for the provision of justice to the BISP beneficiaries, otherwise they have announced to widen their protest.

6-year-old Kunri girl killed in a hit and run

By MM Faisal

KUNRI: A 6-year-old girl named Aliya Solangi, the daughter of Taimur Solangi, who was walking near village Soomar Bagh near Kunri, was hit by an un-

known car and as a result she sustained critical injuries. After the collision, the injured girl was shifted to local hospital from where first aid was given and referred to Hyderabad. The minor girl succumbed to her injuries before reaching Hyderabad. The body of the deceased was handed over to her heirs after completing necessary medico legal formalities. A case of the incident was lodged at the Kunri Police Station.

ECP reinstates suspended Kunri TEO Primary and 6 PSTs

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The Election Commission has reinstated the suspended TEO Primary and 6 PSTs in Kunri, who had been suspended for violating the

election rules. TEO Primary Ali Akhtar Sival, PSTs including Urs, Ali Akbar, Nawaz Ali, Qurban Ali, Agha Muhammad and Dost Ali were suspended on the February 14. The Election Commission has also issued such a notification. It should be noted that under Section 55 of the Election Act, 2017, TEO Primary and others were suspended for irregularities in the postal ballot paper.

Saving the system from collapse

The recent Supreme Court ruling in favor of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in the reserved seats case is a monumental step toward upholding the principles of fundamental rights and democracy in Pakistan. This landmark decision, delivered by a 13-member bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, reverses the earlier judgments of the Peshawar High Court and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). It rightfully restores PTI's entitlement to seats reserved for women and minorities, reaffirming the party's constitutional and legal rights.

For the past two and a half years, Pakistan's democratic framework has faced significant challenges, with various interpretations and experiments causing substantial harm to our country's political stability and economic health. The Supreme Court's decision is a beacon

of hope, signaling a crucial turning point where the democratic process begins to correct itself. This verdict underscores that the denial of an election symbol

should not strip a political party of its fundamental rights to participate in elections and field candidates.

The majority opinion, backed by eight justices, brings much-needed clarity and justice, emphasizing the importance of proportional representation and the integrity of our electoral system. This decision not only strengthens the democratic process but also highlights the judiciary's role in safeguarding constitutional principles against overreach.

principles against overreach.

As PTI celebrates this victory, it is imperative to reflect on the broader implications for Pakistan's democracy. The ruling coalition's loss of its two-thirds majority in the National Assembly is a significant development, reshaping the political landscape. This judgment marks the beginning of a new chapter where democratic values and the rule of law are paramount.

Therefore, this historic ruling by the Supreme Court serves as a pivotal moment for Pakistan. It reinforces the belief that democracy, though flawed and tested, can be preserved and strengthened through unwavering commitment to justice and constitutional integrity. Let this decision be a reminder that the democratic process, when upheld and respected, has the power to correct itself and thrive.

THE HEARTLAND



SABS University awards NEST scholarships to 39 students

By Shaikh Sindihi

KOTRI: The Shaheed Allah Bukh Soomro (SABS) University of Art, Design and Heritages Jamshoro awarded the cheques of National Endowment Scholarships for Talent (NEST) to 39 deserving students. In a ceremony held at the university, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto gave away cheques to each deserving student.

Addressing the ceremony Vice-Chancellor SABS Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto said that NEST scholarships are designed to support talented students in their educational pursuits, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their academic progress. She said that SABS university is committed to provide students with the resources they need to excel and NEST scholarships are a testament to dedication of Ministry of



Federal Education and Professional Training to support and nurture the potential of students. The 39 students who received the scholarships were selected based on their academic performance and financial need. The scholarship will cover various educational expenses, hostel fees, allowing the students to focus on their studies and achieve their academic goals. Chairpersons of various departments: Fazal Ellahi Khan, Shazia Abro, Muhammad Saleem Jhatial, Rajkumar, focal person NEST Scholarships Hina Marvi Khilji, Registrar Muhammad Suleman Bhutto, acting Director Finance Muneer Ahmed Khanan and other officials were present on the occasion.

5th Muharram-ul-Haram observed in Shahdadpur



By Asif Niaz Detho

SHAHDADPUR: After the installation of the Alam of Ghazi Abbas Alandari (AS), the mourning processions and the tradition of self-flagellation with chains have continued. From the residence of Kazim Bangalows, Hubbar Hussaini, Zawar the residences of Zawar Mir Mehtab, Zawar Junaid Ali and Zawar Shahzad Ali, the

cradle of the 6-month-old Shahzada Ali Asghar (AS) was taken out. On this occasion, the central Imambarah Hussaini's mourning group, the Qamar Bani Hashim Group, Anjuman Bab al-Hawaji, and other mourning groups performed Azadari. Hubbar Hussaini, Zawar Sher Qureshi, Syed Imran Shah, Rafiq Mallah, and others participated in the event.

Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Syed Muhammad Sajjad Hyder reviews arrangements for monsoon rains

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Division, Syed Muhammad Sajjad Hyder along with Project Director Scarp Shaheed Benazirabad Amjad Ali Memon visited sim nullahs and drainage lines in Shahdadpur, Shahpur Chakar, Jam Sahib, Amrji, West Nawabshah, Gujra, Daur and others town towns. Commissioner Syed Muhammad Sajjad Hyder directed the LBOD and Scarp Department officials

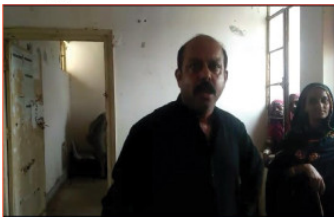


to ensure cleanliness work of the sim nullahs and drainage lines in connection with the monsoon rains. He also stressed the need of keeping the machinery operational so that water could be drained out from the residential areas. He warned the negligent officials of stern action. On the occasion, XEN LBOD Shuhabuddin Bhatti, Information Officer Sher Muhammad Jamali and other officials also accompanied the Commissioner during his visit.

Additional Director BISP misbehaves with KGM journalists for enquiring about illegal deductions

By Maqbool Dal

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: The BISP Centre has been set up in the Irrigation Department's office in Kot Ghulam Muhammad from where the complaints are being received about the illegal deductions by the device holders. In this regard the local journalists asked questions from the Additional Director about deductions due to which he insulted the journalists and misbehaved with them. He also issued threats to the journalists by stopping them covering the BISP beneficiaries. After the incident



the local journalists recorded a protest demonstration against the Additional Director Irrigation. They accused the device holders of deducting stipends of the women

ranging from Rs 1500 to Rs 2000. They demanded of the concerned authorities to take notice of the matter and provide relief to the BISP beneficiaries.

Majlis-e-Aza held at Dargah Syed Gul Shah Badshah in Talhar



TALHAR: The annual Majlis-e-Aza was organized at the Dargah Syed Gul Shah Badshah in which a large number of people belonging to different walks of life participated. Allama Muhammad Abbas Naqvi

addressed the Majlis-e-Aza and paid tribute to the Martyrs of Karbala. On the occasion, prayers were also offered for the eternal peace of Shaheed Zawar Khawaja Ghulam Hussain Shah.—RT

Member of District Council Hyderabad Advocate Abid Hussain Thebo goes missing

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The Member of the District Council and Bar Council Advocate Abid Hussain Thebo has gone missing as his vehicle was found near Hatry Bypass. The DIG Hy-



derabad after taking notice of the incident has formed a team under the supervision of SSP Hyderabad to ensure the recovery of missing man. DSP CIA Aslam Langah has been posted as the leader of the enquiry team.

Elderly woman found dead in Guddu Thermal Colony

By Aftab Bhatti

KASHMIRE: The dead body of an elderly woman was found in the residential area of

Guddu Thermal Colony on Friday. The deceased woman was identified as Jawai Shaikh, who was missing from her home since past several days. The body of the deceased woman was handed over to her heirs after completing necessary medico-legal formalities from a local area hospital.

Kunri man found dead in Nabisar Canal

By MM Faisal

KUNRI: The dead body of an unidentified was recovered from Nabisar Canal near Kunri. According to the details, the residents of the suburbs near Kanjhaji Bridge informed the police after seeing the body lying in the canal. While the body of the deceased could not be identified, there is a mark of injury on the head of the deceased, more investigations are being conducted by the police.

Justice demanded for killed Thul shopkeeper Qaimuddin Sarki

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: The family members of the shopkeeper named Qaimuddin, who was killed five years ago recorded a protest demonstration for the arrest of his murderers.



media, the protest leaders demanded of the concerned authorities to provide justice to Qaimuddin Sarki, who was killed by the extortionists five years ago. They vowed to continue their protest if justice is not provided to the killed shopkeeper.

AC Muhammad Khan Bhangwar visits Kunri's BISP Centre

By MM Faisal

KUNRI: The Assistant Commissioner Kunri Muhammad Khan Bhangwar and DSP Zain Raza Baloch visited the BISP Centre in Kunri. Out of the 13 available devices only 2

increase in the crowd of women instead of reducing it. The number of women far exceeded the available devices. The Assistant Commissioner has contacted the relevant authorities in Umerkot to request an increase in the number of devices and to improve the conditions at the center. At the Nabisar Road, Tobhan Branch BISP Center, the devices were blocked, resulting in women being forced to go to the Kunri Center. Device holders in rural areas should ensure their devices are operational causing an increase in the number of devices and to improve the conditions at the center.

Youm-e-Ali Asghar (AS) observed in Khairpur

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: Youm-e-Ali Asghar (AS) was observed on the first Friday of the Muharram-ul-Haram on the call of the Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. In this regard a mourning procession was taken out to pay tribute to 6-month-old Abdullah Ibne Hussain Shahzada Ali Asghar (AS) in village Bangal Khan Chaudhary by Asgharia Students' Organization. A large number of mourners including men and children participated in the procession and marched through the traditional route.



SPORTS



Spain star Yamal's hometown buzzing over teen's Euro success



SPAIN: Every time Lamine Yamal scores, he holds up his fingers to sign the numbers 304 -- the postcode of Rocafonda, the modest Catalan district where he grew up...

It's not yet midday but there is a real buzz inside the local bar, El Cordobes, which is still reeling with excitement after Yamal, who used to come in with his dad, clutching a football, shot home the sublime goal against France that helped propel Spain to Sunday's Euro 2024 final.

For years, people here to the north of Barcelona knew he was different but nobody could have predicted the lad would go on to become the youngest player to score in a European Championship.

"We knew he was going to play with Barcelona's first team," bar owner Juan Carlos Serrano says with a proud smile.

That was the last day Yamal came into the bar, but not the last time he came back to this district of Mataro, a city of 130,000 people that lies 30 kilometres (18 miles) up the coast from Barcelona where he spent some of his childhood and where many locals proudly show off photos with him.

Pakistan Champions beat West Indies Legends to reach WCL 2024 final

Pakistan Champions on Friday inflicted a 20-run defeat on West Indies Legends in the first semi-final at the County Ground in Northampton on Friday to secure a place in the final battle of the ongoing World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2024.

After setting the 199-run target, the Pakistani bowlers showcased a brilliant display and propelled their team to the tournament's final where they will face one of India or Australia.

Sohail Khan was Pakistan's best performer with the ball as he bagged four wickets and restricted the West Indies to 178 runs.

West Indies had a slow start as they had just scored seven runs in the first four overs but they soon found the rhythm as Chris Gayle started hitting boundaries in the fifth over.

However, Gayle's innings did not last long as he was removed by Sohail for 26 runs. West Indies kept on losing wickets at intervals but Ashley Nurse played a rapid knock of 36 runs on 24 balls, he looked like the man to guide the Windies to chase but he was run out by Kamran Akmal.

Down the order, Rayad Emiri played a 9-ball 29-run innings but he fell prey to Sohail Malik.

Sohail bagged four while Wahab Riaz and Shoab Malik got two wickets each. After being asked to bat first, Pakistan didn't have a great start as they lost three of their batters — Sharjeel Khan, Sohail Maqsood and Shoab Malik — without scoring any valuable runs.

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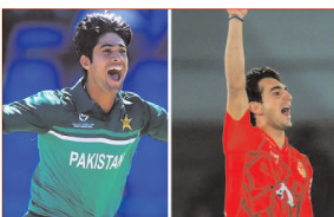
Fast bowler Naseem Shah's younger brother, Hunain Shah, has been ruled out of Pakistan A team's tour of Australia due to an injury.

Hunain was all set to make his debut for the Pakistan A cricket team but following an injury, Qasim Akram has been selected to replace him in the squad.

The Pakistan Shaheens are scheduled to play two four-day matches against Bangladesh A during their tour of Australia.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has named Sahibzada Farhan as the captain of Pakistan Shaheens for the upcoming tour of Australia.

The 15-member Pakistan Shaheens squad includes Sahibzada Farhan (Captain), Haseebullah, Qasim Akram, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Muhammad



Ali, Kamran Ghulam, Kashif Ali, Khuram Shehzad, Mehran Mumtaz, Muhammad Hurraira, Mubasir Khan, Omair Bin Yousof, Shah Nawaz Dhanani, Taqiyab Tahir, Umar Amin.

"Pakistan Shaheens" schedule (all matches in Darwin): 19-22 Jul - Four-day vs Bangladesh 'A'; 26-29 Jul - Four-day vs Bangladesh 'A'; 4 Aug - 50-over match vs Northern Territory (NT) 6 Aug - 50 over match vs Bangladesh 'A'.

2024 Top End T20 schedule (local time): Friday 9 August 6:00pm: Northern Territory vs Perth Scorchers | DXC Arena; Saturday 10 August 10:00am: Melbourne Renegades vs. Melbourne Stars | DXC Arena; 3:00pm: Perth Scorchers vs. Pakistan Shaheens | DXC Arena; 6:00pm: Tasmania vs. Adelaide Strikers | TIO Stadium.

Sunday 11 August 10:00am: Bangladesh HP vs. Melbourne Renegades | Gardens Oval; 1:00pm: Adelaide Strikers vs. Northern Territory | Gerry Wood Oval; 3:00pm: Pakistan Shaheens vs. Melbourne Stars | Gardens Oval — Agency.

Cricket Diva Shaheen Afridi, wife Ansha expecting their first child



KARACHI: Pakistan's star pacer Shaheen Afridi is expecting his first child with his wife Ansha Afridi. "Shaheen can miss Bangladesh Test matches due to childbirth. We can give him [some] rest if he wants to stay with his wife till then," said the national side's red-ball coach Jason Gillespie.

The couple's nikah was solemnised in February 2023 at the Zakaria Mosque in Karachi. However, their wedding and valima took place later in September last year.

The wedding ceremony was held on September 19 at a local hotel in Karachi and was attended by various current and former cricketers including Babar Azam and former cricketers including Misbah-ul-Haq, Saeed Anwar, Sohail Khan, and Tanveer Ahmed and others.

Whereas, the valima was held in Islamabad on September 21.

The pacer's expected unavailability for the national side comes as the Green Shirts are set to take on Bangladesh in a two-match Test series in August. Shaheen has been recently in the limelight following the revelations that he misbehaved with the coaches and management staff.

Sources say that the pacer had indulged in arguments with batting coach Mohammad Yousof during Pakistan's tour to England, just before the T20 World Cup 2024.

Prior to that, the star player had also become the talk of the town owing to the national side's captaincy saga wherein he was replaced by Babar as the white-ball skipper in March.

He then went on to turn down the vice-captaincy role offered to him by the Pakistan Cricket Board for the recently concluded T20 World Cup — Agency.

BBL 14 promises action-packed tournament as schedule announced



Cricket Australia has unveiled an electrifying and action-packed schedule for the upcoming Big Bash League (BBL) Season 14, promising fans a series of thrilling matches.

The 44-game season, which is set to commence on December 15, will feature uninterrupted cricket every night, including six double headers.

According to the new schedule, the opening match, which will see the Perth Scorchers take on the Melbourne Stars, will be played at the Optus Stadium in Perth.

This match will immediately follow day two of the Brisbane Test.

Notably, the upcoming season will feature a total of 14 BBL matches overlapping with the Men's Border-Gavaskar Trophy Series.

This offers the possibility of seeing returning Australian Test players in action following the conclusion of the series on January 7, 2025.

Alistair Dobson, BBL general manager, said: "This is a brilliant schedule for fans, with uninterrupted action every night of the regular season and all the marquee games our fans love.

"We also can't wait to welcome back members of the Australian Test team once again in January, taking advantage of a bigger window following the Border-Gavaskar Trophy Series.

"The shift to an optimised competition length last season, together with the recruitment of world class players, led to incredible crowds and experiences off the field and on it. We can't wait to see that grow in BBL14."

Matches to look forward to: Sydney Smash — Sydney Thunder vs Sydney Sixers at ENGIE Stadium.

Boxing Day Double Header — Sixers vs Stars at Sydney Cricket Ground, and Scorchers vs Brisbane Heat at Optus Stadium.

New Year's Eve Blockbuster — Adelaide Strikers vs Scorchers at Adelaide Oval.

New Year's Day Double Header — Hurricanes vs Sixers at Blundstone Arena and Heat vs Stars at Gabba. Melbourne Derbies Fans can look forward to thrilling Melbourne Derbies between the Renegades and Stars on January 4 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and January 12 at Marvel Stadium. — Agency.

Face of the Day



Name: Shakeel Khan Location: Karachi About me: I love taking selfies! Please email us your photo for our Model Watch and Kids' Corner section at regionaltimes10@gmail.com

REGIONAL TIMES ENTERTAINMENT

America's sweetheart Taylor Swift gives a shoutout to Switzerland during Eras tour wrap up



Taylor Swift is looking back at how far she has come with her Eras Tour as she marked off another location. The Tortured Poets Department hitmaker — who wrapped her first-ever show in Switzerland on July 10 following two nights of her three-and-a-half-hour Eras Tour in the Zurich stadium — raised a toast to the stunningly beautiful destination on Instagram on Thursday.

"The Eras Tour has brought so many firsts with it... for example, I'd never been to Switzerland before. This place is stunningly beautiful and I loved playing for those 2 wonderful crowds in Zurich." "Pretty wild to think we only have 7 cities left on the European leg of the tour." The singer now looks forward to Milan, where she is set to play two nights at the San Siro stadium this weekend, which will then leave her with scheduled performances in Milan, Gelsenkirchen, Hamburg, Munich, Warsaw, Vienna, London, Toronto, and Vancouver. She'll close out the European segment of the tour in August with five nights at Wembley Stadium in London before flying back for a final North American leg.

Perrie Edwards opens up about her anxiety and panic attacks



Perrie Edwards just revealed that her anxiety battle has been worse than it ever was. The 31-year-old singer began the conversation by telling Cosmopolitan UK that it has left her feeling completely "isolated" and she has turned to therapy after it became so "debilitating." The Little Mix star began anxiety is probably the worst it's ever been... It started to consume me. It's horrible." In regards to her anxiety, she added that she is talking about it because she feels anxious or scared of thepanic attacks. She recounted by saying that her everyday life was quite disturbed but now she has "therapy and coping mechanisms." Still, the singer confessed, "You can never get rid of it, so you have to learn to live with it." It is pertinent to mention that Perrie has just launched her solo career after rising to fame on the X Factor as part of girl band Little Mix. According to Daily Mail, The songstress is engaged to Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, but she isn't planning on tying the knot anytime soon as she's busy with her career. Last month, Perrie dropped her second single Tears, the follow-up to April's Forget About Us. Furthermore, Her debut solo track was number one for two weeks on the Big Top 40 chart and peaked inside the top 10 of the Official Charts.

METRO KARACHI



MQM's Mustafa Kamal Criticizes Supreme Court Decision As Blow To Democracy

Karachi: Mustafa Kamal, Senior Deputy Convener of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), has voiced strong opposition to the Supreme Court's decision granting specific seats to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), stating that today's verdict has inflicted damage to democracy.

Addressing a press conference in Karachi alongside MQM leaders, Kamal expressed disappointment over the long-awaited decision by the Supreme Court, describing it as a spectacle that began in 2018. He emphasized that decisions like these, influenced by strong so-



cial media presence, dictate the course of democracy and asserted that today's verdict has undermined it.

Kamal referred to the ruling as a "popular decision," highlighting his party's abstention from

elections as the Sunni Itehad Council's head had not sought this decision. He criticized the previous Chief Justices for building dams, arresting Haneef Abbasi for drugs, and restraining Rana Sanaullah.—RT/Agency

Flight with Israeli nationals makes emergency landing in Karachi

A Flydubai flight en route to Sri Lanka, carrying two Israeli citizens, made an emergency landing in Karachi, Pakistan, overnight. However, the Civil Aviation Authority has denied having any knowledge of the presence of the Israeli citizens on Pakistani soil.



The incident occurred despite the lack of diplomatic relations between Israel and Pakistan.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry confirmed the incident, stating that they worked with relevant parties to ensure the well-being of the Israeli passengers, according to Times of Israel.

The Flydubai flight FZ-569, which was traveling from Dubai to Colombo, Sri Lanka, had to make an emergency landing at Karachi's Jinnah International Airport at 11 PM on Wednesday after the condition of a passenger on board deteriorated.

"The report about the Flydubai flight 569 just had that it was en route to Colombo from Dubai and the condition of some woman [board] worsened and it landed at 11pm [on Wednesday] in Karachi. But she expired. Her body was sent to [Pakistani charity] Khidmat-e-Khalq Foundation in Malir and the plane left at 3am [on Thursday]. It was not mentioned [in the report] how many passengers were aboard and what their nationalities were," Khan told Arab News.

Khan clarified that the passenger who died on the Flydubai flight was a Sri Lankan national. Her body was later flown to Sri Lanka on a separate flight.

Pakistan does not have diplomatic relations with Israel and has repeatedly called for an independent Palestinian state based on pre-1967 borders. The country has also demanded the world stop Israel's military actions in Gaza.

CTD Karachi apprehends two TTP linked terrorists

KARACHI: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) anti terrorism financing unit on Friday arrested two terrorists in Karachi for funding TTP, media reported.

As per details, the CTD carried out an operation in Karachi's Jhanjhal Goth area, resulting in the arrest of two terrorists affiliated with the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Hafiz Gul Bahadur group.



Earlier, police killed three terrorists in an Intelligence Based Operation (IBO) in Hasan Khel Peshawar.

The police officials stated that an intelligence-based operation was carried out in the Hasan Khel area of Peshawar on the information regarding the presence of terrorists. During the operation, two police personnel of CTD embraced martyrdom and one sustained injuries, police officials added. In a separate incident, security forces gunned down a terrorist commander Irfan Ullah aka Adnan in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Bajaur District, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

"On 3 July 2024, security forces conducted an intelligence-based operation in Bajaur District, on the reported presence of a high profile terrorist," the statement added. It added that during the conduct of the operation, the terrorist commander was killed after intense fire exchange.—RT/Agency

French national robbed of 5,000 Euros in Karachi

KARACHI: In a shocking incident, a French citizen was robbed of 5,000 euros in Karachi's Red Zone, media reported on Friday.

As per details, the incident occurred outside a hotel in the Artillery Maidan area of Karachi. A French citizen was stopped by robbers, who introduced themselves as policemen.

The pseudo policemen robbed the French citizen of 5,000 euros and ran away, the police.

The police authorities said the French citizen had not filed any complaint of the incident so far.



Earlier, a Germany-returned citizen was robbed at his doorstep in Karachi.

As per details, the incident occurred in Buffer Zone 15A where a citizen was followed by armed assailants from the airport to his doorstep.

Police officials stated

Muharram threat alert issued for Karachi



KARACHI: A threat alert has been issued for the anti-encroachment police in Karachi, warning of possible terrorist attacks during Muharram Haram, media reported on Friday.

According to guidelines issued by DSP Tariq Islam, the anti-encroachment police personnel have been warned against going alone on official duty during Muharram Haram in the wake of recent attacks.

The notification stated that government officials could be targeted in Karachi during Muharram. The officials were directed to use police vans for official assignments and avoid wearing uniforms and shoes while returning home after finishing duties.

The federal government on Monday approved the deployment of armed forces across the country to ensure security during the month of Muharram.

The move comes on the request of the authorities in Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir to deploy military to control the law and order situation.

The Centre, under Article 245 of the Constitution, authorised the "deployment of army troops/assets and civil armed forces troops/assets" to ensure peace.

The Ministry of Interior has clarified that the deployment of the army will be based on the ground situation and that the provinces will have the authority to determine the deployment locations.—RT/Agency

AVLC Conducts Successful Operation Against Highly Wanted Gang



KARACHI: Karachi Police Arrests Two Suspects Involved in Vehicle Snatching Through Armed Robbery, Recover Stolen Car

Karachi, July 2, 2024: Acting on a complaint filed under FIR number 433/24 at Boat Basin Police Station, Karachi, police apprehended two individuals from the vicinity of Ziuddin Hospital, Bot Basin, identified as culprits in the recent car snatching incident involving a Toyota Corolla bearing registration number 641-BFY.

In a swift operation near Qayyumabad Pump House, AVLC Clifton Division conducted a tactical raid leading to the arrest of two highly sought-after members of the notorious Snatchers' gang. The operation also resulted in the recovery of the stolen Toyota Corolla.

Search operations are underway to apprehend the remaining accomplices involved in the crime.

The recovered vehicle has been returned to its rightful owner, Mr. Saraj Ahmed, who expressed gratitude to AVLC and Karachi Police for their prompt action.—RT/Agency

Sharjeel Criticizes Supreme Court's Decision, Accuses Judiciary Of Favoring Imran Khan

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Senior Minister of Sindh, Sharjeel Inam Memon, has stated that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) respects court decisions, even when they are unfavorable to the party. Speaking at a press conference in Karachi, Memon described the recent Supreme Court decision as ambiguous and criticized the federal government's discretion over appealing it. He claimed the decision exhibited favoritism, or "Ladlaism," and undermined constitutional bodies like the Election Commission of Pakistan.

The minister highlighted the reversal of the Peshawar High Court's ruling against the BRT project, previously rejected by Justice Bandial. Memon accused former Chief Justice Saqib Nisar of facilitating Imran Khan, particularly before the 2018 elections, and criticized decisions that he claimed were biased in favor of Khan.

Memon pointed out several instances where he believed the judiciary showed



partiality towards Khan, including during the 2018 elections and subsequent controversies. He alleged that the judiciary's actions have consistently favored Khan and disadvantaged the PPP.

Regarding the recent Supreme Court decision, Memon emphasized that the PPP does not advocate for banning any political party but called for decisions to adhere strictly to the constitution and law. He condemned the practice of favoritism and stressed the importance of merit-based decisions.

Memon also criticized Imran Khan for hiring lobbyists in the US after accusing the country of interfering in Pakistan's affairs. He expressed concern over international reactions to Khan's arrest, particularly from Israel.

In response to a question, Memon stated that legal experts would review the detailed decision and formulate a plan for the future. He reaffirmed the PPP's commitment to engaging in dialogue with democratic parties and emphasized the need for adherence to constitutional principles.

TMC Manghopir Chairman Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi Ensures Preparedness For Muharram With Extensive Sanitation Efforts

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi, Chairman of Town Municipal Corporation Manghopir, announced that extensive sanitation and drainage work is underway across the town, especially in preparation for Muharram. Brohi assured that almost all preparations for Muharram processions have been completed, emphasizing efforts to ensure the Shia community faces no difficulties during the processions.

"We are doing our best to ensure our Shia community brothers do not face any kind of problem in the processions," Brohi stated. He highlighted the ongoing spraying campaign across all union councils (UCs) of the town to protect residents from diseases.

Brohi's comments came during the launch of the spray campaign in various union councils, accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Agha Khaliq, Vice Chairman Rana Aarif, Superintendent Engineer Hasan Sheikh, One CN Sami Brohi, Leader of Op-



position Habibullah Swati Sagar Khan, Deputy Director of Sanitation Li-aquat Province, and other officials.

The chairman reiterated the commitment to maintaining sanitation and cleanliness, ensuring the town is well-prepared for the upcoming Muharram observances.

UAE Consul General Hosts Annual Meeting with Emirates Airlines Vice President in Karachi

KARACHI: Consul General Bakheet Ateeq Al Remethi of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Karachi hosted the annual meeting with Mohammed Al Nahari Al Hashemi, Vice President of Emirates Airlines, at the consulate.

During the meeting, Consul General Bakheet Ateeq Al Remethi emphasized Emirates Airlines' commitment to providing comprehensive facilities to Pakistani passengers. He highlighted the importance of ensuring all necessary amenities for Pakistani travelers, particularly during their peak travel months of June and July.

Al Remethi stated that



the annual meeting serves as a platform to discuss passenger services and address any challenges they may encounter. As a token of appreciation, the Consul General presented a shield to Mohammed Al Nahari Al Hashemi in recognition of his dedicated services.

Representative Badrul Wahdi, who oversees Emirates operations at Karachi Airport, also participated in the meeting, underscoring the consulate's ongoing collaboration with the national airline to enhance customer experience for Pakistani travelers.—RT

Woman's body found dismembered in Sohrab Goth



KARACHI: Police on Friday found body of a woman in pieces from Karachi's Sohrab Goth graveyard, Media reported.

The women was murdered brutally and then cut into pieces before being dumped and hidden, police said.

The body pieces stuffed in a gunny bag were recovered from the Sohrab Goth area of the city.

Meanwhile, Police have launched further investigation into the matter.

Earlier in November 2023, the body of a woman was found inside a water drum in an empty plot in the Phase VII area of Karachi's Defence Housing Authority.

The body of the unidentified woman — wrapped in a plastic bag — was recovered from the water drum on an empty plot near Fatima Masjid. Preliminary investigations suggested that the woman had been murdered.—RT/Agency

Karachi Intermediate Board Takes Significant Steps for Students Convenience

KARACHI: In a move aimed at easing the process for students, the Karachi Intermediate Board has established a modern facility center at the Inter Board Office.

The formal inauguration of the facility center was conducted by Provincial Minister for Universities and Boards, Muhammad Ali Malkani, ensuring relief for students from various forms and paperwork.

Chairman of the Inter Board, Syed Zawar Ali Shah, announced that candidates now only need to fill out one form and can obtain all required documents, facilitating a streamlined process at the Karachi Intermediate Board's newly established Facility Center in the Board Office.

He highlighted that the long queues at the Inter



Board Office have been significantly reduced, following directives from Muhammad Ali Malkani to halt the transfer of records to the Construction Development Project for examination.

Syed Zawar Ali Shah further stated that from the start of the new session, teachers and students will practice e-marking and OMR-based assessments, aiming to implement these in the annual exams next year.

He emphasized that to expedite operations, six assessment centers have been set up for the 2024 annual exams of the Inter Board, with the results expected to be announced before the end of August 2024.—RT/Agency

Police Officer Injured in Firing Incident Near Defence Library



KARACHI: Head Constable Khalid Wali Ali Khan, stationed in Security Zone 2, sustained injuries during a firing incident.

The injured officer was returning home from duty when two assailants on a motorcycle opened fire.

The suspects were riding a motorcycle and initially knocked down the police officer at the signal before firing.

While fleeing, the assailants also took away the officer's weapon.

Investigation at the scene is ongoing, with statements from witnesses and eyewitnesses being recorded.—RT/Agency

