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SC Ruling Favors Government In NAB Amendments Case, Sets Back For Imran

ISLAMABAD: In a major victory for the incumbent government, the Supreme Court on Friday accepted intra-court appeals filed against the September 15, 2023, majority judgement striking down the amendments to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO).



A larger bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faiz Isa and comprising Justice Aminuddin, Justice Jamal Khan Mandukhel, Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Hasan Azhar Rizvi announced the unanimous verdict.

Approving the intra-court appeals filed by the federal and provincial governments, the apex court remarked that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan could not prove that NAB amendments were unconstitutional.

The five-member bench reserved the verdict on June 6 on multiple appeals against the apex court's September 15 verdict which was announced by then-CJP Umar Ata Bandial.

In the intra-party appeals, the top anti-graft body and the PTI founder were made respondents.

The majority judgement had struck down some amendments made to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO), 1999.

The amendments — National Accountability (Second Amendment) Act 2022 — were passed in a joint sit-

ting of the parliament in April 2022 during the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM)-led government which came into power after ousting ex-premier Khan via a no-trust move in 2022.

It modified sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 26 of the NAO laws, however, 9 out of 10 amendments were declared "null and void" by the CJP Bandial-led bench on the PTI founder's petition filed in June 2022.

Referring to the September 15 ruling, the court today pointed out that the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023 — which required that a plea must be heard by "not less than five judges of the SC" — was enacted while Khan's petition was pending adjudication.

The top court noted that the petition challenging the amendments made to the Ordinance was not heard and decided in accordance with the SC (Practice and Procedure) Act — hereinafter referred to as the "Act".

"If the provisions of the Act had been followed the Petition may have been

decided differently [...] These [intra-court] appeals could justifiably be allowed on the ground that since the Petition was not heard and decided as required by the Act by a five-member bench the impugned judgement is coram non-justice and a nullity in law," it added.

Furthermore, the five-member bench's judgement today also pointed out that last year's ruling did not demonstrate how the amendments violated or infringed any of the fundamental rights provisioned under Articles 14, 23 and 25 of the Constitution.

"Petition and the impugned judgement failed to establish that the Amendments were unconstitutional, nor have we been so persuaded in this regard," the apex court noted, adding that the larger bench was persuaded by Khan and learned Senior Advocate Khawaja Haris Ahmed that the amendments violated the Constitution.

"We allow these appeals by setting aside the impugned judgement," reads the SC order. —RT/Agency

Naem Warns Of Consequences If Rawalpindi Agreement Is Not Enforced

GUJRANWALA: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief Hafiz Naemur Rehman has warned that the government will be held responsible if the Rawalpindi agreement is not implemented within 16 days. He also cautioned Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif not to complain about the party's next steps.



Speaking at a workers' convention and membership drive inauguration in Gujranwala on Friday, Hafiz Naem said, "The public will no longer bear the burden of government luxuries and Independent Power Producers (IPPs)".

He criticised past governments, including those led by PML-N, PPP, and PTI, for protecting IPPs, stating that "they are all equally complicit in this looting."

Consultations are ongoing with traders for a potential three-day nationwide strike, which would see the entire country shut down, he added. He credited JI for any relief provided in Punjab and demanded a uniform electricity tariff across Pakistan, urging the government to curb its privileges and extravagance.

Hafiz Naem accused IPPs of three major frauds, claiming, "First, the agreements were flawed; second, they're charging for electricity not being produced; and third, they aren't paying taxes on the money they receive."

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Khawaja Asif Links Faiz Hameed's Issue With Imran

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif Friday claimed matter of Lt. General (retired) Faiz Hameed is 'interlinked' with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder.



In his exclusive talk with media, Khawaja Asif said, during premiership tenure of Imran Khan, his [Faiz Hameed] were being implemented.

He said like 1965, today, Pakistan is also facing visible and hidden enemies. Referring to the situation of Balochistan, Khawaja Asif supported provision of special powers to the state institutions.

The senior PML-N stalwart also claimed that during PTI government tenure, political leaders of opposition were booked in NAB cases. —RT/Agency

COAS Urges To Prevent Political Dissent From Escalating Into Hatred

RAWALPINDI: Army Chief General Asim Muneer has advised against turning differences in political viewpoints into hatred, reiterating that the nation will not let "nefarious objectives" aimed at weakening national harmony to succeed.



He stated this while addressing the Defence and Martyrs Day ceremony at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi on Friday.

The chief of army staff (COAS) said the martyrs' sacrifices for the country against terrorists have brought stability to the country and strengthened the national security.

"The relation between the armed forces and the nation is of heart," the COAS said. "The nation has always backed the army, be it the rescue works in the events of natural disasters, foreign hostilities or war against terrorism."

The strong bond between the people and the military is a guarantor of the country's enemies' defeat, the army chief said adding that the elements who create a rift between the army and the forces will have to face defeat as always.

Speaking about the newly launched Operation Azm-e-Istehkam, the army chief said it is not a new counterterrorism drive but rather a part of the National Action Plan (NAP) wherein strategy

was chalked out to root out terrorism and extremism from the country.

The COAS also clarified that displacement of the civilian population will not take place under the new counterterrorism drive.

"The determination to bring stability is inevitable for the national security. We will defeat the elements spreading hopelessness and anxiety with unity," he added.

"The nefarious intentions to weaken the national unity

will never be successful." COAS Muneer stressed the need to adopt harmony and unity, asking the nation to exhibit togetherness, tolerance and forbearance in social and economic affairs.

The army chief also asked to protect the rights of minorities, granted in the Constitution of Pakistan, by overcoming religious intolerance. "Quaid-e-Azam's principles of faith and unity are a lighthouse for the nation," he said.

Apart from geographical importance, the COAS said Allah Almighty has blessed Pakistan with abundant natural resources. Emphasising the importance of country's youth, he added that their role in country's integrity and development is of immense importance. Speaking about the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), the COAS said that the illegal occupation

wasn't a national, but regional and global issue. "Sustainable peace in South Asia can only be established after resolution of Kashmir dispute," he added. The ceremony was held to commemorate the sacrifices of fallen heroes during the 1965 war, when the Indian forces crossed the international border in the darkness of night to attack Pakistan but the nation foiled nefarious designs of the enemy. The border areas in Lahore, Sialkot and Sindh were attacked by the enemy on September 6, 1965. The battle continued till the time when the United Nations (UN) administered ceasefire was accepted by both sides on September 22, 1965.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, federal ministers and other dignitaries attended the ceremony. —RT/Agency

Naqvi Calls For Unified Efforts To Eradicate Terrorism



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has urged religious scholars to support and stand by the government in its efforts to purge the country from the scourge of terrorism and extremism. Talking to delegation of Ulema and Mashaikh in Islamabad, he said, "Pakistan is first and we all have to make collective efforts for its development and prosperity."

In connection with Defence Day, being observed today, he categorically stated that anybody who takes arms against the state is a terrorist and the state will deal with such elements with iron hand. He said killing innocent people in the name of religion has nothing to do with Islam and Islamic teachings. The interior minister emphasised terrorists and extremists to lay down weapons and accept writ of the State and the Constitution. He assured that suggestions of Ulema and Mashaikh would be incorporated to root

Imran Threatens Legal Action Against IO And NAB Chief: 'We Will Not Spare You'

RAWALPINDI: Incarcerated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan on Friday threatened the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) chairman and investigation officer (IO) with legal action.



"My spouse [Bushra Bibi] is facing imprisonment due to cases concocted by you," the deposed prime minister told NAB IO Mohsin Haroon while pointing a finger at him during a hearing of a new Toshakhana reference filed against the detained couple.

On September 2, an accountability court in Rawalpindi extended the judicial remand of the PTI founder and his wife in a new Toshakhana reference.

The new reference pertains to a case related to a jewellery set gifted to former first lady Bushra by the Saudi crown prince when Imran was the prime minister of the country from 2018 to 2022.

During the exchange of words, Imran — who was ousted from the prime minister's office via a no-confidence motion in 2022 — told Haroon that he would not spare them "when he is out of jail".

"I will take you both [IO and NAB chairman] to court

[over fabricated cases]," the PTI founder added.

Notably, the anti-graft bureau had informed the media about threats made by the former premier at least four times.

This is not the first time Imran Khan has hurled threats at public officials with the most prominent being the case of Judge Zeba Chaudry.

Just months after his ouster in April 2022, the PTI founder gave a fiery speech directed towards Islamabad's top police officials and judge Chaudry threatening not to "spare" them and file cases against them for "torturing" his party leader Shahbaz Gill.

Meanwhile, the NAB prosecution team sought adjournment of the hearing citing the absence of prosecutor Umar Majeed. "[The

Shibli Faraz: NAB Amendment Issue To Be Addressed Publicly



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senator Shibli Faraz asserted that today's decision was NRO 2 and announced to take up the matter in public.

He gave a response to the Supreme Court judgement that restored NAB amendments, accepted the appeals of the incumbent government and gave a setback to PTI founder Imran Khan.

Opposition leader berated the government, saying they were not the real representatives of the public instead selected on Form-47. Faraz lamented that the incumbent government

Lawyers Assess SC Ruling On NAB Amendments

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The five-member bench reserved the verdict on June 6 on multiple appeals against the apex court's September 15 verdict which was announced by Bandial.

Reacting to the SC verdict, Barrister Asad Rahim Khan said: "Yet another strange and barely reasoned decision by this

chief justice. That NAB had become an instrument of coercion and required reforming was plain for all to see.

"But the PDM regime's solution — to gut the entire organisation via a set of person-specific amendments — was laughably illegal; a small segment of the political class getting rid of cases against itself.

Barrister Khan said that the "act of desperation has now been legalised by the court" on the basis that the public's fundamental rights haven't been affected. "This is Nero playing the lyre: by the same metric, the Supreme Court should have decided to the contrary when it came to the National Reconciliation Ordinance — another exercise in which undemocratic forces had to launder politicians for cobbling together a government. "These are bad decisions making for bad jurisprudence — the kind bereft of law, precedent, or serving the public interest," he added. —RT/Agency

THE HEARTLAND



LARKANA: Students are presenting in a tableau to celebrate Pakistan Defense Day at the Government Girls Degree College in the City.—Photo by Nadeem Soomro

MPA Pir Mujib visits free medical camp organized by Dr. Shafiq Haider Moosavi



By Javed Laghari

DADU: MPA Dadu Barrister Pir Mujib-ul-Haq, through his continuous efforts, facilitated a free medical camp organized by renowned foreign doctors, including Dr. Shafiq Haider Moosavi. Over 80 children with disabilities in their feet underwent free surgeries.

This successful initiative marks the beginning of enhanced health services for the people of Dadu and surrounding areas. It is noteworthy that this hospital, a mega project for the residents of Dadu, was established in 2012 through the dedicated efforts of former Minister of Education Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq. Although the project's progress has stalled for a while, MPA Barrister Pir Mujib-ul-Haq's persistent efforts have led to the DHQ Hospital being handed over to the Sindh government.

MS Anjad Hussain Mastoi is performing his duties exceptionally well, serving the people of Dadu. Pir Mujib further stated that all health facilities will be made available to the public soon. He emphasized his commitment to serving the people of Dadu and praised the excellent work being done.

The parents of the disabled children expressed their happiness and offered prayers of gratitude. During this event, aid was also provided by Shaikh Mir, Tahir Laghari, and others.



LARKANA: The Regional Director College Professor Altaf Hussain Abro and Principal Professor Nafees Akhtar Ansari are addressing a Pakistan Defense Day Ceremony at the Government Girls Degree College in Larkana - Photo by Nadeem Soomro

SSP Dr. Farrukh Ali reviews Hyderabad's law and order situation

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: SSP Hyderabad, Dr. Farrukh Ali, held a meeting at the Police Headquarters with all SDPOs and SHOs of the district. The meeting was attended by SP Headquarters Hasnain Waris, DSP Cantt Ifthikhar Brehro, In-charge CIA Aslam Laghari, In-charge DIB Inspector Akbar Lund, Reader Inspector Ashfaq Bhatti, and other in-charge officers. During his address, SSP Hyderabad informed the officers about the orders of IGP Sindh, Ghulam Nabi Memon. He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was to convey the directives from the IGP regarding the

eradication of crime, drugs, and social evils, along with promoting positive policing and effective investigation. SSP Hyderabad instructed the officers to develop strategies to combat crime, particularly the prevention of motorcycle thefts, and to ensure the arrest of those involved. He stressed the importance of recovering as many stolen motorcycles as possible for the public.

Additionally, he urged the officers to intensify actions against elements involved in drugs and social vices. He called for more robust and effective investigations to ensure a higher conviction rate for criminals. The SSP emphasized the im-

portance of the presence of duty officers at police stations and directed DSPs to strengthen their supervision and play a key role in promoting positive policing. Regular patrolling and snap-checking should be conducted daily, and officers must treat citizens respectfully while working to resolve their complaints. SSP Hyderabad also made it clear that any complaints regarding delays in registering FIRs would not be tolerated.

As the month of Rabi' al-Awwal has begun, he instructed that security arrangements be tightened during the processions and gatherings in celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi.

Sindh Minister Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar holds an open katchery in Kumb

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: Sindh Minister for Agriculture, Anti-Corruption, and Bureau of Supply Chain, Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar emphasized the Sindh government's focus on agriculture. Due to global climate change, the 2022 rains had caused damage to the date palm crops in Khairpur, Ghotki, and Sukkur districts. As part of a campaign to address this, we are visiting the affected districts. Our effort will be to assist farmers, growers, laborers, and traders as much as possible. We have allocated 100 million rupees for processing in Khairpur. These remarks were made by Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar during an open katchery at the Al-Badr Date Palm Farm of date grower Zubair Ahmed Phulpoto, where he addressed farmers, growers, experts, and traders. Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar stated that Pakistan is the 5th largest producer of dates in the world, and the



Sindh government aims to facilitate farmers and growers from research to market access. The Agriculture Department has provided maximum facilities and financial assistance to affected farmers from the 2022 rains. He also mentioned that an important meeting with farmers, experts, and others from Sukkur, Khairpur, and Ghotki will be convened in Karachi, where their suggestions, advice, and policies for modern date production, foreign exchange earning and the development of farmers and growers will be discussed.

The Sindh government and the Agriculture Department prioritize making Pakistan the top producer globally. He highlighted that efforts are being made to increase production, implement modern tissue culture techniques, introduce new varieties, and take other necessary steps. The goal of today's visit is to meet these objectives. He assured farmers not to worry, as the Sindh government and the Agriculture Department will address issues and requirements at every level.

PPP Larkana's Muhammad Ibrahim Dahani stresses need for improving law and order situation



LARKANA: PPP leader Muhammad Ibrahim Dahani while talking to the media said that the province of Sindh is blessed by the God almighty with the natural resources more than than all the provinces of the country. The Sindh government is committed to utilize all available resources for the welfare

of the people under the vision of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. He stressed the need of improving the law and order situation in the province of Sindh by launching an operation against the criminals without without fear or favor, so that sense of security could be found amongst the people.—RT

Sukkur administration celebrates Defence Day with zeal

By Absar Alvi

SUKKUR: To commemorate Defence Day, the Sukkur administration and Municipal Corporation Sukkur hosted a flag-hoisting ceremony at the Walking Track. The event was graced by Sindh Government Spokesperson and Mayor of Sukkur Barrister Arsalan Islam Shaikh, Deputy Commissioner Sukkur Dr. MB Raja Dahrejo, Pakistan Navy Lieutenant Commander Faiq



Shah, District and Sessions Judge Ameer Ali Mahesar, Chairman of Town Municipal Corporations, and representatives from various social and political organizations, educational institutions, and citizens. Prior to the flag-hoisting, Sindh Government Spokesperson and Mayor of Sukkur Barrister Arsalan Islam Shaikh, along with Deputy Commissioner Dr. MB Raja Dahrejo, kicked off the anti-polio drive by administering polio vaccines to children, marking the inauguration of the campaign. While talking to the media, the Spokesperson for the Sindh Government and Mayor of Sukkur Barrister Arsalan Islam Shaikh, said that September 6, 1965, is a

landmark Day recorded in Pakistan's history with golden words.

The courageous soldiers of the Pakistan Armed Forces fought a heroic war to safeguard Pakistan, laying down their lives in the process. He stated that the army of the neighboring country, defying the international norms of warfare, attempted to launch surprise attack, but our valiant forces successfully thwarted it with bravery. The Spokesperson for Sindh Government and Mayor of Sukkur further said that they pay tribute and homage to the soldiers of Pakistan Army, Air Force, Navy, and other law enforcement agencies. Our institutions are always on the battlefield, day and

night, for the protection of our nation. The people of Pakistan and every child of country stands with the Pakistan Armed Forces. We are proud of our forces and our soldiers.

He said that only those nations progress, whose institutions are strong. Therefore, it is our collective responsibility to strengthen our institutions. He stated that by gathering here today, we are all conveying a message of unity with our armed forces. Mayor Sukkur Barrister Arsalan Islam Shaikh added that we take pride in our armed forces and September 6 is a day of pride for the entire nation, and I offer felicitations to the whole nation on this day.

District administration Umerkot celebrates Defence Day with zeal

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: On the occasion of September 06 Defense Day, district administration Umerkot organized a solemn ceremony to pay tribute to the martyrs in Jinnah Park of Municipal Committee Umerkot. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Umerkot Naveed Rehman Larik, SSP Umerkot Asif Raza Baloch, Chairman Municipal Committee Umerkot Haji Saifullah Khalid Siraj Soomro, Additional Deputy Commissioner Javed Ahmad Dahri and Assistant Commissioner Umerkot Rajib Ali Sehto paid their respects at the martyrs memorial. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Umerkot Naveed Rehman Larik said that today is a day to remember the spirit when the enemy attacked in the historic darkness of night on



September 6, 1965. The valiant army of Pakistan gave a befitting reply and by doing its full duty gave a message to the whole world that we know how to protect our motherland and if any enemy attacks us, we will give a full reply, he said. On the occasion, ADC-I Javed Ahmed Dahri, Principal Degree College Umerkot Professor Rasool Baksh Rahimani, Abdul Rauf Soomro and others spoke on the occasion, Assistant Commissioner Umerkot Rajib Ali Sehto, Chief Municipal Officer Syed

Sajid Shah, District Information Officer Muhammad Aslam Bhatti, DSP Saluram, SHO Syed Altaf Shah, Members of Municipal Committee Lekhray Malhi, Dr. Ghansham Das, Chetan Goyal, Ramesh Kumar Ratnati, Taxation Officer Owais Samiju, Press Club Umerkot Management Committee Chairman Umerkot Naveed Rehman Larik and others spoke on the occasion, Assistant Commissioner Umerkot Rajib Ali Sehto, Chief Municipal Officer Syed

Defence Day celebrated with national zeal in Badin



By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Like the rest of the country, September 06 Defence Day was celebrated with national enthusiasm in Badin. Under the leadership of Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Kashif Raza Mangi, a rally was held from the DC office to Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Chowk. On the occasion of Defence Day, tributes were paid to the martyrs of Pakistan Army, Rangers, police, martyrs of law enforcement agencies and martyred journalists. On September 6, 1965, the cowardly enemy attacked our holy land in the dark of night, but our brave army retaliated by sacrificing their lives. We want to convey the message that we are still united today every citizen

of the country is standing side by side with the Pakistan Army on every front. District Health Officer Dr. Anjum Soomro, Additional Director Social Welfare Abdul Ghaffar Khosa, Assistant Commissioner Badin Shehryar Habib, Incharge Indus Hospital Dr. Sikander Memon, Deputy Director Livestock Dr. Dudu Chandio, Deputy Director Poultry Dr. Muhammad Juman Chandio, Taluk Education Officer Dilawar Hallo, Project Manager LHDP Sawan Khaskheli, NCHD Supervisor Ashfaq Memon, Sub Engineer Highway Khalid Hussain Memon, DPM Hands Abdul Ghaffar, Education Officer Mumtaz Memon, Abdul Fatah Junjio and other concerned officers.

Cadet College Petaro celebrates Defence Day with elegance and zeal

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: Cadet College Petaro paid a heartfelt tribute to Pakistan's valiant heroes and martyrs on the 6th September Defence Day, commemorating the occasion with grace and fervor. The day began with a poignant morning assembly, where Commodore Faisal Iqbal Qazi, Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Military), laid a floral wreath at the Shuhada Monument to honor the sacrifices of the brave. This was followed by a heartfelt Dua, seeking peace, prosperity, and divine blessings for Pakistan. In the College Auditorium, a distinguished gathering was graced by Lieutenant Colonel Syed Ifthikhar Ahmed, Tamgha-e-Imtiaz (Military), as the Chief Guest. The family of the late Ex-Cadet Shaheed particularly the family of Shaheed Lieutenant Commander Syed Jawad Ali Shah also participated in the celebrations, sharing inspiring insights into the life and sacrifices of the martyr. Lieutenant Colonel Syed



Ifthikhar Ahmed, a 1965 war veteran, delivered a captivating address, highlighting the significance and glory of 6th September. He shared his firsthand experiences, recounting the bravery, resilience, and valor of Pakistani forces during the 1965 war. The event concluded with Commodore Faisal Iqbal Qazi expressing gratitude to the guests, particularly the family of Shaheed Lieutenant Commander Syed Jawad Ali Shah, for their presence and thought-provoking words. Cadets presented stirring national songs, filling the atmosphere with patriotism and national pride. Traditional gifts were presented to the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, marking a memorable conclusion to the celebrations. This Defence Day, Cadet College Petaro honored the nation's heroes, rekindling the spirit of courage, sacrifice, and valor that defines Pakistan's history. The commemoration served as a poignant reminder of the nation's unwavering commitment to its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the bravery of its armed forces.



LARKANA: The leaders and members of the District Boys Scouts Association Larkana are taking out a rally to celebrate Defence Day.—RT

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President Asserts Armed Forces' Readiness To Overcome Terrorism And Challenges

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has said that Pakistan's armed forces were vigilant and ever ready to respond to any challenge to national sovereignty and territorial integrity and also fully prepared to defeat terrorists.

The president, in his message to the nation on the Defence and Martyrs' Day of Pakistan, said that Pakistan's armed forces were provided with adequate defence equipment and possessed the desired professional skills and the will to protect the country from all challenges.

On the Day, he paid homage to the country's Ghazis and Shuhada, who rendered immense sacrifices and bravely defended the country against external aggression. "This day is a reminder of our nation's unwavering commitment and determination to defend its sovereignty. I pay homage to the brave sons of the soil who shattered the enemy's dreams to harm Pakistan," he remarked.

The president said that Pakistan sought peace and



stability in the region and was committed to peaceful coexistence with all neighbours.

"However, enduring peace is only possible when the plight of the Kashmiri people is alleviated. They bear illegal subjugation and continuous reign of terror by the Indian armed forces over the unfinished agenda of the partition of the sub-continent. The revocation of the autonomous status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) has further compounded the problem. India must adhere to the UN Security Council's resolu-

tions that guarantee the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination," he commented.

President Zardari said that Pakistan was facing many threats and security challenges and hostile countries were bent upon harming it by supporting anti-Pakistan elements to carry out terror activities in the country. "In the face of these challenges, our armed forces and law enforcement agencies are fully prepared to defeat terrorists. We stand behind our security forces to stamp out the menace of terrorism," he reiterated.—RT/Agency

CM Maryam Honors Martyrs On Defence Day



LAHORE: Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz visited monument at Lahore Cantt today to observe Defence Day.

She paid tribute to martyrs and offered prayers and laid floral wreaths at monuments.

Pakistan Army personnel also presented gun salutes on this occasion. Defence and Martyrs Day is being observed today (Friday) to pay tribute to martyrs and Ghazis and reaffirm commitment to defend the motherland against all threats.

It was on this day in 1965 that the Indian forces crossed the international border in the darkness of night to attack Pakistan but the nation foiled nefarious designs of the enemy.

The day dawned with 31

gun salutes at the federal capital and 21 gun salutes at provincial capitals. Special prayers were offered in the mosques for the progress and prosperity of the country, and independence of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir from the cruel clutches of India.

Fateha and Quraan Khawani will also be held for the martyrs.

Main ceremony of the day will be held at General Headquarters (GHQ). Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will be the chief guest of the ceremony. Army Chief General Asim Munir, Services Chiefs and parliamentarians will attend the ceremony.

Special ceremonies will also be held at Naval Headquarters and Naval air bases to pay homage to martyrs.—RT/Agency

SOUTHERN PUNJAB

Commissioner Naveed Haider Sheerazi holds an open katchery in Gujranwala



By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision is to prioritize solving citizens' issues. The weekly open katcheries have become an effective platform for promptly addressing public concerns under one roof, improving the provision of government services and governance. Improving access to officials will enhance governance, providing relief to the common people. Commissioner Gujranwala Division Naveed Haider Sheerazi attended the open katchery at the DC Office Gujranwala, listened to citizens' issues,

and issued directives for their resolution on a priority basis. He emphasized that organizing open courts is part of the government's policy, and addressing grievances promptly is the fundamental responsibility of all government departments and officials. Commissioner Naveed Haider Sheerazi and Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Tariq Qureshi listened to the complaints of attendees at the open katchery and issued orders to relevant department officers and representatives for immediate resolution. They requested progress reports from various departments before the next open court session and instructed relevant departments and assistant commissioners to reassess complaints and contact complainants to inform them of the progress on their requests. The Commissioner stressed that addressing complaints from open court attendees is a government policy. All departments should enhance coordination and leave no stone unturned to resolve complaints on a priority basis. Assistant commissioners of all tehsils also organized open courts and issued on-the-spot orders for resolving issues and addressing the concerns of citizens.

Ch Shujaat Appeals To Politicians For Unified Efforts In National Development

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid President Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has urged all the politicians to give priority to national interests instead of personal benefits.

In a statement issued on

Friday, the veteran politician said that all the lawmakers should talk about national harmony in the parliament.

"It is need of the hour to work jointly for the betterment of this country," said the former prime minister.

He urged the politicians to make conducive environment for the supremacy of constitution and rule of law.

He also called for eliminating enmity from the politics.—RT/Agency

ANF Seizes 'Ice' And Ecstasy Tablets From Drug Traffickers Near Quetta University

QUETTA: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) arrested two drug dealers near a major university in Quetta, seizing 2 kilograms of crystal meth (commonly known as ice) and 40 ecstasy pills.

The arrests were part of an ongoing nationwide crackdown on drug peddlers targeting educational institutions.

According to ANF officials, the first suspect, a resident of Pishin, was apprehended near a hotel close to the university, while the second suspect, also from Pishin, was arrested in a residential area adjacent to the university.

Both suspects admitted during interrogation that they had been selling drugs to university students.

The arrests are part of a broader ANF operation aimed at curbing drug activity around educational institutions.

"We are utilising all resources to bring those who are destroying the future of our youth to justice," an ANF spokesperson said, calling



for greater cooperation from the public to protect students.

Both suspects have been charged under the Anti-Narcotics Act, and further investigations are underway.

Two weeks ago, the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in another raid seized more than two tons of Hashish and arrested four drug smugglers in Quetta. According to an ANF spokesman, a major operation against drug smuggling was carried out on Western Bypass near Mengalabad in Quetta. "Drugs were recovered from a truck," he said, adding that a small vehicle was also caught during the operation in which two suspects were getting the drugs-laden truck route cleared as facilitators.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

8 police officials including DSP Ghulam Shabbir injured during Karachi anti-encroachment operation



By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Under the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Malir Irfan Salam Mirwani, and led by Assistant Commissioner Airport and SSP Malir Kashif Aftab Abbasi, an anti-encroachment operation was conducted to vacate government land near Gulshan-e-Rumi. The operation, which involved heavy machinery, encountered significant resistance from the encroachment mafia, who fired at and pelted stones at the revenue

staff and police. The area turned into a battleground during the operation. As a result, eight police officers, including DSP Memon Goth Ghulam Shabbir Jamali, sustained injuries and were transferred to the hospital. During the operation, makeshift huts and permanent structures were demolished, and over 22 acres of government land, valued at more than 10 billion rupees, were reclaimed. A case has been registered at the Malir Cantt Police Station. SP Saeed Rind in-

formed journalists that the encroachers fired at the revenue officials and police during the operation, leading to the injuries of DSP Ghulam Shabbir and seven other officers. Deputy Commissioner Malir Irfan Salam also confirmed that the operation, which was conducted under the orders of higher authorities, successfully reclaimed the land. He emphasized that the anti-encroachment efforts will continue in various areas of Malir.

Karachi Police Suspend More Officers For Social Media Use During Duty Hours

KARACHI: The Karachi Police have intensified their crackdown on officers using social media while on duty, suspending 12 more officers, including three women, for violating departmental protocols, media reported on Friday.

The total number of suspended officers now stands at 18, following the suspension of six officers the previous day. Additional IG Karachi took action following directives from Inspector General Sindh Police, Ghulam Nabi Memon, who called for swift measures against

officers recording and posting TikTok videos during duty hours.

IG Memon emphasized the need for strict departmental and legal action against officers involved in creating inappropriate content, such as double meaning voice-overs and vulgar videos while in uniform. He reiterated that any officer tarnishing the department's reputation would face immediate consequences, and uploading videos in uniform on any platform is now strictly prohibited for both male and female officers.—RT/Agency

TTS's Divisional Public School and College celebrates Defence Day with national fervour



By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A central ceremony was held at Divisional Public School and College to commemorate September 6, Defence Day of Pakistan. The ceremony was graced by the chief guests, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu and District Police Officer Ibadat Nisar. The event honored the national heroes who sacrificed their lives for the defense of the homeland. Additional Deputy Commissioner Jameel Haider Shah,

Zeeshan Lubha Mash, Principal Rao Muhammad Siddique, District Information Officer Muhammad Shahid Ansari, teachers, students, and a large number of media representatives were also present. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag in the lush green area of the school. Students performed national songs, honoring the martyrs' sacrifices. Participants carried banners, flags, and placards supporting the Pakistani Army, displaying images of martyrs and slogans expressing solidarity with the Pakistan Armed Forces. Sindhu said that the martyrs are our pride, and their blood nourishes the soil of our homeland. He expressed his heartfelt joy at attending the student ceremony on Defence Day. The students beautifully performed national songs, honoring the martyrs' sacrifices. Participants carried banners, flags, and placards supporting the Pakistani Army, displaying images of martyrs and slogans expressing solidarity with the Pakistan Armed Forces.

Shaheed Naik Muhammad Sharif paid tribute on Defence Day

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Pakistan Army 3 Baloch Regiment youth Naik Muhammad Sharif was the first martyr of 1965 war. He belonged to Mohra Hiran area of Pothar region Naik Muhammad Sharif Shaheed was a very handsome young man he was ordered to break the bridge he broke the bridge and while facing the enemies, Wagah on 6 September 1965 at 0-



clock on Monday. He was 30 years old at the time of his martyrdom in Sector Lahore. Naik Muhammad Sharif's shrine is in Mohra Hiran. Thousands of people come and their wishes are fulfilled through the martyr. September 6, 1965 is the day in the history of Pakistan when a new history of courage and bravery was created. The ceremonies throughout the country paid tribute to the martyrs and Ghazis of the 1965 war.

Civil society meets to address issues facing Gulshan-e-Hadeed and Steel Town

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: A civil society meeting was organized at a local banquet hall to address issues related to water, gas, and other essential services in Gulshan-e-Hadeed and Steel Town, Karachi. The meeting saw participation from various political figures, including Chaudhry Fazal Haq of PML-N, Ameer Shahid of PTI, and Manzoor Abro of SUP, as well as journalists such as Mustafa Abbasi and a large number of local residents, including political, social, and various other community members. During the meeting, both youth and elders shared their valuable insights and opinions, discussing their fundamental issues in detail. Members of the organizing committee of the civil society briefed attendees on meetings and progress with Pakistan Steel and other relevant institutions. They highlighted that officials who had previously been involved with the Water Board from 1985 to



2011 had been responsible for water and gas disruptions, a resolution was passed and that the Steel Mill administration had engaged in meter tampering to divert off water, causing billions in losses while lining their own pockets.

At the end of the meeting, a resolution was passed by the civil society committee, calling for immediate resolution of all issues. This resolution was unanimously approved by all attendees.

SHC Halts Sindh Government's Purchase Of 138 SUVs For ACs

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Friday temporarily barred the provincial government from purchasing 138 double-cabin SUVs for Assistant Commissioners (ACs), following a petition filed by Jamaat-e-Islami MPA Muhammad Farooq.

Farooq argued that the purchase was an unnecessary expenditure of public funds, especially amid Pakistan's ongoing economic

challenges. The court suspended the Sindh government's notification regarding the purchase and directed the provincial government, chief secretary, finance secretary, and board of revenue to submit responses within four weeks.

The petitioner suggested that the Rs 2 billion allocated for the vehicles should instead be spent on public welfare projects.—RT/Agency

Shaza Fatima Calls For National Unity In Fight Against Terrorism

LAHORE: Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja stressed the importance of national unity in the fight against terrorism, urging all citizens to play their part.

Her remarks came during a visit to the family of Captain Muhammad Ali Qureshi Shaheed in Walton, here on Friday, where she offered condolences and paid tribute to the fallen hero.



today," she remarked, honoring the bravery of Captain Qureshi and expressing her sympathy for his grieving family. The Minister of State lauded Captain Qureshi's dedication and commended his family for their patriotism and selflessness. "The nation will always remember the sacrifices of the martyrs and their families. These heroes gave their lives to eradicate terrorism, and our efforts will continue until this menace is eliminated from its roots," she affirmed.—RT/Agency

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An elite gets away with murder again

In Pakistan, where justice is often a privilege rather than a right, the recent Karsaz traffic accident case underscores the glaring divide between the affluent and the impoverished. Natasha Danish, the prime suspect in this tragic incident, has been granted bail under circumstances that highlight the systemic inequalities entrenched in the country's legal system. Danish, who was driving under the influence of methamphetamine, was involved in an accident that claimed the lives of a young woman and her father.

The core issue at hand is not just the accident itself, but the aftermath that reveals a deeper injustice. The victims' family, reportedly com-

pelled by financial strains and societal pressures, settled out of court. They issued an affidavit declaring their forgiveness and consenting to the



accused's bail, citing a religious motive and insisting they were under no duress. This settlement effectively undermines the pursuit of justice, reducing it to a transaction rather than a measure of accountability.

The disparity in how justice is administered between the rich and the poor is starkly apparent here. While Natasha Danish can afford legal

representation and bail, the victims' family, struggling with their loss and likely facing economic hardship, finds themselves in a position where out-of-court settlements become a necessary means of survival. This scenario highlights a disturbing trend where the wealthy evade substantial consequences for their actions, while the impoverished are left to navigate a legal labyrinth that favors the elite.

In a society where justice becomes a luxury reserved for the rich, the integrity of the legal system is severely compromised. Until reforms address these deep-seated inequalities, the judicial process will remain a tool that perpetuates injustice rather than dispenses it.

THE HEARTLAND



DG Zulfiqar Ali Shaikh visits Shahdadpur's BISP Centre

By Sajjan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: In Shahdadpur, the Director General of the Benazir Income Support Program, Zulfiqar Ali Shaikh, took notice of the protests by affected women regarding the non-disbursement of funds. Upon arriving at the Shahdadpur center, he ensured the distribution of the overdue amounts to the eligible women. The women expressed their gratitude and offered prayers for the Director General. He assured that strict action would be taken against any reductions in the amounts due to the beneficiaries. The Director General of BISP Sindh, Zulfiqar Shaikh, visited the Shahdadpur center after complaints and protests emerged over a four-day delay in the disbursement of aid funds. He thoroughly investigated the issue and directed the cash disbursement team to ensure the complete payment of funds to eligible women, starting the disbursement



process in his presence. Speaking to the media, Zulfiqar Shaikh stated that any negligence or reductions in the amounts due to the beneficiaries would not be tolerated. He emphasized that any cash agent involved in causing distress or making deductions would face strict action. The affected women expressed their appreciation and prayers for the DG and his team.

NWA, SWA celebrate Defence Day at Tando Allahyar's Nari Elementary School



By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: In collaboration with the Sindh Education Foundation, the Nari Welfare Association and Social Welfare Association of Tando Allahyar organized a program at Nari Elementary School in Tel Mori on September 6th. The event was attended by 350 students from the school and 9 male and 4 female staff members. The program commenced with the recitation of the Quran by Ihsan Ali, followed by a Naat by Paras Ali. Students actively participated in the speech competition, with notable speeches and performances by Deepak, Danish, Ayaz Ali, Dua (in English), and Hussain Ali, which added warmth to the event. The program concluded with the national anthem sung by Sagheer, Kainat, and Gulzadi. Shoaib Khanzada, General Director of the Special Welfare Association from Tando Allahyar, delivered a brief speech providing awareness about September 6th. Also present at the event were Faiza Qamar, President of the Nari Welfare Association Tando Allahyar, Vice Principal of Nari Secondary School Tel Mori Saqib Ali, Abbas Ali Laghari, Sahib Ali Laghari, Izhar Ali Jarwar, Asad Jarwar, and others.

2nd Undergraduate Research Conference 2024 held at SMMBMU

By Saleem Soomro



LARKANA: SMBB Medical University Larkana Press Spokesman said in his statement that, the 2nd Undergraduate Research Conference 2024 was organized by Dr. Mir Hassan Khoso, Director Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Nusrat Shah, Vice Chancellor of SMBB Medical University Larkana, at the Final Year Lecture Hall of CMC Larkana.

The event was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nusrat Shah, along with Prof. Saifur Ali Shaikh, Registrar, Prof. Dr. Yousif Shah, Dean of Dentistry, Prof. Qarar Shah, Dean of Community Sciences, Prof. M. Hanif Shaikh, Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Altaf Ali Shaikh, Principal of GMMMC Sukkur, Dr. M. Anwar Ali Shaikh, Dr. Mir Hassan Khoso, Director of ORIC, Prof. Riaz Shaikh, and Dr. Fozia Chandio.

The conference commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. While addressing the gathering, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nusrat Shah praised the students for their outstanding contributions and underscored the vital role of research in shaping the future of academia.

She extended her appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Mir Hassan Khoso and the ORIC team for successfully organizing the event. She further commended the students for their hard work, dedication, and passion for research, stating that each of them has taken an important step toward shaping the future through their ideas and discoveries.

A total of 27 research papers were presented by undergraduate students from Chandka Medical College Larkana, BADC Dental College, the Institute of Pharmacy, GMM Medical College Sukkur, Benazir College of Nursing Larkana, and IPRS Larkana.

Cash prizes of PKR 10,000 and certificates were awarded to the top ten research papers, presented by the Vice Chancellor.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Mir Hassan Khoso, Director of ORIC & Research, expressed his gratitude to Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr.

Nusrat Shah for her unwavering support and vision in providing this valuable research platform to the university.

He highlighted that this was a significant achievement, following the success of the 1st Undergraduate Research Conference in 2023, now come together in the 2nd undergraduate research Conference and he praise the students for showcasing their hard work and research.

The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with the participation of Prof. Sirajuddin Soomro, Director Postgraduate office, Prof. Saleem Sheikh, Dr. Wassem Abbas, Director of Pharmacy, Mr. Ghulam Abbas Panhwar, Principal of BCON, Director of QEC Altamish Sheeraz, Mr. Ahmed Bux Dahani, Mr. Nazir Burrio, Mr. Waheed Zaman Memon, Mr. Sumair Dal, Mr. Rashid Javed Abro, along with numerous faculty members, officers, and students.

Larkana's district administration rallies to celebrate Defence Day

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: In the occasion of Defense Day, a rally was organized by the district administrator and Education Department, starting from Qaim Shah Bukhari Road to the Larkana Press Club. The rally was attended by Provincial Minister Ikramullah Dharejo, Commissioner Larkana Ghulam Mustafa Phul, Deputy Commissioner Sharjeel Noor Channa, Assistant Commissioner Raja Darya Khan Qureshi, DO Secondary Gulbahar Magasi, DO Primary Anees Rehman Jalbani, Director Secondary Syed Saifur Shah, TEO Primary Muneer Bhutto, AMS Dr. Rabail Nounari, Assistant Education Officer Irshad Ali Magasi, Controller Board Office Ahmed Khan Chhutto, MC Larkana Javed Abbasi, Mukhtiar Larkana Habibullah Khoso, Masood Akhtar Soomro, and a large number of school students. After the rally, a Defense Day ceremony was held at Begum Nusrat Bhutto Hall,



where the national anthem was presented. In their speeches, the speakers paid tribute to the sacrifices of the martyrs on Defense Day. They highlighted how, in 1965, the Pakistan Army crushed the enemy's evil intentions. Both the Pakistan Armed Forces and the people of Pakistan wrote a timeless tale of sacrifices in the defense of the nation. The speakers emphasized the vital role of the people alongside the military in safeguarding the country's security and stability. They reminded the audience that whenever the enemy has cast a malicious eye on Pakistan, the armed forces and the people have thwarted their plans. Despite being numerically inferior and having less advanced military equipment, Pakistan's faith and resolve led to the defeat of the enemy's superiority. At the event, shields and medals were also awarded to the students as prizes.

BISP beneficiaries in Tando Adam protest for issuance of their stipends

By Mumtaz Ali

TANDO ADAM: Women eligible for the Benazir Income Support Program have staged a protest by blocking the Khandu Road, demanding their overdue stipend payments. They vocally criticized the device holders responsible for distributing the stipends. During the protest, beneficiaries such as Hanifa, Imazadi, Noor Bano, and Shabana expressed their frustration to journalists, stating that they had arrived at the centre early in the morning and were still waiting by afternoon without any response from the

-Good job Badin Police! Badin Police arrest six during ongoing operations

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

Nohri and his team arrested Chandra Kolhi, a Gutka seller, while another accused, Alam Kolhi, managed to escape. SHO Badin Police Station Inspector Muhammad Anwar Laghari and his team recovered 8,800 Safina sachets during a patrolling operation. They also arrested three individuals: Pyaar Ali Mallah, Parvez Shaikh, and Jhangir Shaikh, who were found with illegal weapons, including a pistol, an axe, and a stick. SHO Badin Police Station Inspector Muhammad Manzoor Hussain

Defence Day celebrated with national zeal in JNA

By Jam Nawaz Ali

JAM NAWAZ ALI: Jam Nawaz Ali observed Defence Day with great enthusiasm and fervor, akin to the rest of the country. Schools, colleges, and civil society organized rallies to educate the new generation about the bravery, valor, and professionalism of the Pakistan Army. The main rally, led by Assistant Commissioner Jam Nawaz Ali, was held at the Jam Nawaz Ali Chama, Taluka Education Officer Mehboob Khaskheli, and Headmaster Soomar Khan Chakrani, started from Bari Aman High School and proceeded to the Press Club. The event saw significant participation from political, social, and civil society members, as well as students. The rally echoed with slogans of Pakistan Zindabad and Pak Army Zindabad.

Thul doctor deprived of his car

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Dr. Mansoor Tanwri, the son of the well-known Thul-based Dr. Ghulam Hyder Tanwri, was robbed of his car by

unidentified armed assailants near Gadhi Yasin. The robbers used their weapons to stop the car and then fled the scene. Despite the incident being reported, the police have

not taken any action. Concerned parties have expressed their sorrow and demanded that the stolen car be recovered and returned to Dr. Ghulam Hyder Tanori.

THE HEARTLAND



Sahibuddin Khaskheli chairs meeting of Pakistan Khaskheli Organization

By Shoukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: An important meeting of the Pakistan Khaskheli Organization was held in the Thana Bula Khan tehsil, presided over by Tehsil President Sahibuddin Khaskheli. The meeting focused on addressing the issues faced by the Khaskheli community, particularly condemning the recent unpleasant incident involving the Khaskheli community in Sari city. The affected parties were also present at the meeting. It was decided that regardless of whom the injustice is committed against whether it is



of the Khaskheli community or any other community support would be provided based on humanitarian principles. The organization pledged to voice concerns against injustice on every platform and take a stand against oppression.

JNA notable Pir Khair Shah's sister passes away

By Hakim Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: A notable figure Pir Khair Shah's sister has passed away, and condolences are ongoing. On this occasion, PPP leader and Vice Chairman of Sanghar District Jam Zahir Ali Khan visited Pir Khair Shah's residence to offer his condolences on the death of his sister and to pray for her Political and social personalities, as well as many residents of the area, have gathered at the residence to express their sympathy and offer their condolences.



TEO Muhammad Mithal Khaskheli leads Defense Day Rally in TBK

By Shoukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: On the occasion of Defense Day, rallies were organized in various schools of Thana Bula Khan, including Government Primary School Malik Safar Khan, Main Primary School, and Ramzan Khaskheli School. The main rally was held from Government Higher Secondary School, led by TEO Secondary Muhammad Mithal Khaskheli, Muhammad Hussain Khaskheli, Muhammad Bachal Khaskheli, and Abdul Rahman Gabol. The TEO



Secondary said that the brave soldiers of the Pakistan Army have made great sacrifices to protect our country. These sacrifices are being remembered and honored across the country today. The Pakistan Army is a world-renowned force that continually safeguards our borders for national security and defense.

Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar visits Khairpur on Lala Abdul Ghaffar Shaikh's request

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: On the request of Lala Abdul Ghaffar Shaikh, President of Khairpur Traders' Association, Sardar Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar arrived in Khairpur on Friday. He conducted an open katchery with date growers at Al-Badar Farmhouse in Khairpur. During the occasion, Zubair Khan Phulpo presented cultural gifts of Ajrak to the Minister of Agriculture, Secretary and



other notable guests. The Sindh Minister listened to the problems of the participants of the open katchery and assured of playing his role for the provision of facilities to the farmers of Khairpur.

Defense Day and Martyrs Day ceremony held at Hyderabad Cantonment's Jinnah Park

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: On the occasion of Defence Day and Martyrs Day, a significant ceremony was held at the Martyrs' Monument, Jinnah Park, Cantt, Hyderabad. The event was organized by Major General Muhammad Hussain of 18 Division in honor of the martyrs of the Pakistan Army. The special guest for the event was Major General Muhammad Hussain, GOC Hyderabad. Other notable attendees included Rashid Khan Advocate, a respected member of the Sindh Assembly, Hyderabad Mayor Kashif Shoro, Tariq Bajari, General Secretary of Hyderabad Gymkhana, Agha Taj, President of the Gymkhana, Saad Baloch, Malik Yousof, and various other distinguished citizens and government officials.



Justajoo Foundation and OGDCL Distribute Mosquito Nets to Needy in Sultanabad Village

SHAHDADPUR: In a joint initiative to combat mosquito-borne diseases, the Justajoo Foundation, in collaboration with OGDCL, distributed mosquito nets to the deserving and underprivileged residents of Sultanabad Village, Shahdadpur, District Sanghar, Sindh. This charitable act underscores the foundation's commitment to addressing basic human needs and improving public health.



The distribution drive was made possible through the generous support of OGDCL's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department, Chairperson of the Justajoo Foundation, Sadaf Raza Warraich, expressed gratitude to OGDCL for their vital contribution to this cause. Key individuals involved in the initiative included Zahid Ali Mahesar, RC Hyderabad OGDCL, Barkat Ali Soho from the Justajoo Foundation, Wahab Munshi, BOD Justajoo Foundation, Behzad Bashir Memon, COO Justajoo Foundation, Shahzad Raza Warraich, Country

Thul woman protests against her husband's refusal to grant her a divorce

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A resident of Jilani Ground in Thul, Mrs. Humera Khatoun Memon, along with her children and brother Arbab Ali Memon, staged a protest outside the Thul Press Club. During the protest, Mrs. Humera Khatoun Memon expressed her grievances, stating that her husband, Kamran Memon, has been physically abusing her and has forcibly occupied her father's house. She mentioned that Kamran is also her brother-in-law. She expressed her desire to get a divorce but said that Kamran brings the Quran and prevents her from going to court. She accused him of oppressing her and demanded that action be taken against him.

Daulatpur's Dahri community men demand justice

By Aijaz Jokhio

DAULATPUR: The residents of the village Nagar Hassan in Daulatpur, Gul Hassan Dahri and his brother Azam Dahri, held a protest demonstration at the Daulatpur Press Club against the relatives. During the protest, Gul Hassan Dahri and Azam Dahri told journalists that Arbab Dahri, Rizwan Dahri, Badal Dahri, and Ali Ghulam Dahri attacked them and subjected them to violence. They stated that the accused are influential and no action is being taken against them. Gul Hassan Dahri and his brother mentioned that they have filed a report against the accused at the Daulatpur police station, but the police have not yet arrested any of the suspects. They appealed to the DIG and SSP of Shaheed Benazirabad to arrest the accused and ensure justice for them.

SPSC issues results of tests conducted for posts of Lecturers, Senior Veterinary Officer/Research Officer

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Public Service Commission has released the final results of Lecturers BPS 17 Computer Science subject in the Education Department, in which a total of 282 candidates have been declared successful. While, Livestock and Fisheries Department has also released the result of Senior Veterinary Officer/Research Officer (Poultry Wing) BPS 18 written examination, in which 50 candidates have passed. 171 female candidates and 111 male candidates have been declared successful in the oral examination conducted by Sindh Public Service Commission for Lecturer BPS 17 Computer Science

subject in Education Department, while Senior Veterinary Officer in Livestock and Fisheries Department/Result of Research Officer (Poultry Wing) written examination result list of 50 candidates has also been released. SPSC has announced about 300 vacant posts of Lecturer BPS 17 Computer Science vide Advertisement No. 5/2023. Awareness was given, in which candidates with required education submitted applications. The written examination for the above posts was held in April 2024, the final results of which have been released and the Ministry of Education has recommended the appointment of the successful candidates. On the other hand, 50 successful candidates in the result of the written examination of Senior Veterinary Officer/Research Officer (Poultry Wing) in Livestock and Fisheries Department have also been required to submit the required documents, after which the oral examination schedule will be released. It should be clear that in the results released by SPS, all the constitutional requirements in Sindh including male, female and urban and rural quota have been taken into consideration. The list of candidates has also been released on the SPS website, showing the marks obtained by the successful candidates. On the other hand, the exam syllabus for various posts in various departments has also been released.

GBPS Chak Islamabad celebrates Defence Day with national fervour in Ghotki

By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: On the occasion of Defence Day in September, Khanpur Mahar is celebrating with great enthusiasm and zeal, similar to the rest of the country. Various events have been organized by schools in the Khanpur tehsil. The main event was held at the Government Boys Primary School, Chak Islamabad, where Allah Dino Mangi, the Taluka Ed-

ucation Officer (Primary) of Khanpur, was the chief guest. The event was attended by students and teachers from various schools. During the event, students and teachers paid tribute to the bravery of the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force, honoring the martyrs and veterans who defended the nation. In his speech, TEO Khanpur (Primary) Allah Dino emphasized that September 6

Ghotki Police recover abducted taxi driver

By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: Two days ago, a taxi driver named Muhammad Murad Lund, who was abducted from the jurisdiction of the Babarho Police Station in the Khairpur district, was recovered by the police from the Khambro police station area in the Ghotki district. The abductors had been trying to transport the victim to a remote area, but the Khambro police, led by SHO Muhammad Mithal Khakkrani, acted promptly and successfully rescued Muhammad Murad Lund. The abductors managed to escape before the rescue operation was completed. SHO Khambro, Muhammad



Mithal Khakkrani, reported that Muhammad Murad Lund, a resident of village Khairo Mahar in Khanpur Mahar, had been abducted two days ago from the Babarho Police Station area while hired as a taxi driver. With the help of modern technology, the police were able to rescue the victim from the abductors. After receiving the information, the victim's family arrived at the Khambro police station, where Muhammad Murad Lund was safely handed over to his family.

Samaro's flood affectees demand relief

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: In the Samaro tehsil of Umerkot district, the situation for those affected by the recent floods remains dire. There has been no relief provided to the victims, and the floodwaters have not been drained from the submerged villages and agricultural fields. The crops have suffered a 60% loss,

leaving farmers in a dire situation. The floodwaters have also led to an increase in mosquitoes, creating a serious problem for residents and livestock in both urban and rural areas. Many people and animals are suffering from severe fevers caused by malaria. The local administration including district and tehsil authorities, as well as health and livestock departments, seem to be inactive or ineffective in addressing these issues. The administration is held responsible for the health crisis and the financial losses incurred by the floods. Efforts must be made to ensure that flood relief and rehabilitation are effectively managed, and measures are put in place to prevent such disasters in the future.

Shaheed Benazirabad's district administration celebrates Defence Day with national zeal

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED NAZIRABAD: Like the rest of the country, District Shaheed Benazirabad observed Defence Day with national zeal on Friday. In this regard, a rally was organized by the divisional and district administration of Shaheed Benazirabad, led by Commissioner Syed Muhammad Sajjad Haider, from the DC Office to the Nawabshah Press Club. At the end of the rally, Commissioner Syed Muhammad Sajjad Haider addressed the participants and spoke with media representatives. He said that they

salute the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the defense of the homeland. The brave sons of the country have written a glorious chapter in history by fighting fearlessly against enemies. He further stated that on September 6, the Pakistani army inflicted a crushing defeat on the perennial enemy, India, and created a new history of valor and bravery. Mayor Qazi Muhammad Rashid Bhatti and others also addressed the rally. The participants carried banners and placards with slogans like "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Pak Army Zindabad." The rally saw significant participation from Additional Commissioner Subhash Chandra, Additional Deputy Commissioner Nawab Sameer Laghari, Deputy Director Livestock Dr. Barkat Lakhro, District Education Officer Muhammad Saleem Bhatti, Information Officer. Sher Muhammad Jamali, Assistant Commissioner Nawab Shah Iqbal Ahmed Tanyo, Nasim Pirzada, as well as representatives from education, health, police, revenue, population, social welfare departments, social organizations, citizens, and students and teachers from various schools.

SPORTS

Pakistani athlete bags bronze at Paris 2024 Paralympics

PARIS: Haider Ali, Pakistan's para-athlete has won a bronze medal after he bagged a throw of 52.54m on his sixth and final attempt in the Men's Discus Throw F37 event on Friday.



The 52.54m throw was Ali's best throw of the season and it also helped him win his fourth Paralympic medal. Ali managed a throw of 52.28m in his first attempt in the event and missed his next four throws. The top position was taken by Uzbekistan's Tolibboy Yuldashev with a throw of 53.48m on his fourth attempt followed by a throw of 56.03m on his fifth attempt. To seal his gold medal

off, he managed a throw of 57.28m in his sixth attempt at Rio and a silver in 2008. Ali had directly qualified for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris after a throw of 51.23m in the 2022 Asian Para Games in the F37 category. —Agency

THE HEARTLAND



Clash between Jamshoro lawyers and officials of District Accounts Office resolved

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: President of the Jamshoro Bar Council, Noor Al-Amin Supio, said that on September 4th, he and some members of the legal community went to the District Accounts Office to complain about an issue concerning his wife's promotion, which had been pending for three months. Instead of addressing the issue, the responsible clerk of the promotion section responded in a harsh and sarcastic manner, leading to a heated argument between the lawyers and Treasury employee Shahnaaz. In response, the staff at the Dis-

trict Treasury Office, Jamshoro, announced a pen-down strike and began chanting slogans against the lawyers. The lawyers also called their colleagues, and a physical confrontation ensued between the Treasury staff and the legal fraternity. Timely intervention by the police prevented a major conflict. Following the altercation, successful talks were held between Dr. Razaq Turab, a central official of the Hyderabad Treasury Union, and representatives of the Jamshoro Bar. After the discussions, the Sindh Treasury issued a notification stating that the clash between the

Treasury staff and the legal community was based on misunderstandings. The Jamshoro Treasury staff has withdrawn their protest and extended an apology to the entire legal fraternity of Jamshoro, pledging cooperation on legitimate legal matters. When contacted, Jamshoro Bar President Noor Al-Amin Supio appreciated the goodwill shown by the central leadership of the Treasury and welcomed the reconciliation. He also emphasized the need to curb corrupt practices in the Treasury Office, ensuring that individuals seeking services are not adversely affected.



HYDERABAD: Former Director General of the Public Relations Information Department, Mr. Sawai Khan Chhalgri, laid a chadar at the shrine of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Kazmi Mashookpota near Village Gul Muhammad Chhalgri, Hyderabad.—RT

Tando Bago villagers protest for draining of rainwater



By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: Near Tando Bago, in the village of Natho Halipoto within Union Council Paryal Khan Buledi, hundreds of villagers protested against the failure to drain rainwater after recent rains and the spread of diseases in the area. The protest was led by Karo Halipoto, Sachal Halipoto, Ali Akbar Halipoto, Wali Muhammad, Azeem Halipoto, and Ahmed Halipoto. The villagers held a rally from Allah Wala Chowk in the city to the office of the Assistant Commissioner, where they staged a sit-in protest for six continuous hours. Later, Mukhtiar Revenue Officer Ghulam Yaseen Panhwar, on the orders of the Assistant Commissioner of Tando Bago, arrived at the protest and assured the villagers that the rainwater drainage mission would be carried out in their village the following day. On receiving this assurance, the villagers ended their six-hour-long protest and returned home. However, the villagers warned that if the water was not drained by tomorrow as promised, they would launch a stronger protest on Saturday and boycott the upcoming polo campaign starting on Monday.

Solution to all worldly problems lies in the Sunnah of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW): Allama Sajid Ali Naqvi

By Dildar Samo



TANDO ADAM: Quaid Millat Jaffaria Pakistan Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi has said that Khatam-ul-Nabien Rehmat-ul-Lalameen Sarwar-e-Kainat (SAWW) is the center and axis of the guidance of humanity and along with the Holy Quran as well as the Sunnah and the life of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) there is such a treasure for the Muslim Ummah. Centuries after your demise, the world is still guiding humanity completely and he is teaching humanity how to live in every field and the manners of development. If

the Muslim Ummah in particular and the world of humanity in general follows the Sunnah and character of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), then all the problems on earth can be eliminated. The solution to the individual, collective, spiritual, religious and worldly problems of mankind was presented by Ahl al-Bayt with their actions and character and they performed the duties as their successors after Khatam al-Nabi.

Defence Day celebrated at Larkana's EHSAS Education Centre

By M Rafique



LARKANA: The Defence Day of our beloved country was commemorated at the EHSAS Education Centre at Nauhero Chowk on Friday. The event began with the national anthem, followed by speeches delivered by the students of the centre including Fatima, Saqlain, Abbas, Tauheed, Akash and others. In their speeches, the students paid tribute to the sacrifices made by the martyrs on Defence Day. They highlighted how, in 1965, the Pakistan Army decisively thwarted the enemy's evil intentions. Both the Pakistan Armed Forces and the people of Pakistan together wrote a timeless narrative of sacrifice in the defense of the nation. The speakers emphasized the crucial role

played by the citizens alongside the military in maintaining the country's security and stability. They reminded the audience that whenever adversaries have cast a malicious eye on Pakistan, the combined efforts of the armed forces and the people have thwarted their plans. Despite being outnumbered and having less advanced military equipment, Pakistan's faith and determination led to the defeat of the enemy's superior forces. At the event, shields and medals were awarded to the students as prizes, recognizing their participation and contribution to the celebration.

National Defence Day celebrated at Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur

By Naeem Shaikh



KHAIRPUR: Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, through its Students Societies Center (SSC) and in collaboration with Alkhidmat Foundation Pakistan, marked National Defence Day with a series of patriotic events, honoring the sacrifices of Pakistan's martyrs and armed forces. The day began with a rally led by the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Meritorious Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yousef Khushk, along with deans and heads of departments (HoDs). Faculty members, students, and employees from various departments participated in the rally, showing their solidarity with the martyrs and armed forces of Pakistan. The rally commenced at the Central Library and concluded at the Students Societies Center, where a flag-hoisting ceremony was held. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yousef Khushk inaugurated the day's events, which included sports

activities, a painting and art contest, a speech contest, and an essay writing competition. The ribbon-cutting ceremony, held alongside esteemed guests, marked the start of these activities. During the event, Prof. Dr. Khushk also engaged with the intemperate students of ISPR and the National Assembly. The sports activities featured a Table Tennis tournament, judged by Prof. Zulfiqar Ali Dahot, Dr. Inayat Bhatti, and Mr. Muzaf Prizada, Director of Physical Education. The Painting and Art contest was overseen by Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, focal person of the Painting Society. The Speech Contest was facilitated by Mr. Syed Raza Abbas and judged by Ms. Sumaiya Syed and Ms. Syeda Shumaila Rubab Rizvi, while the Essay Writing Contest was judged by Dr. Ramazan Kolachi. A seminar on the "Significance of Defence Day Pakistan" was held at the SSC Auditorium Hall, where the Vice Chancellor served as the chief guest. The seminar was attended by deans, directors, professors, and students. It began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by the National Anthem. Dr. Ali Raza Lashari, In-Charge of the Students Societies Center, welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of Defence Day.

Defence Day celebrated at Public School Latifabad

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Defence Day was celebrated in Hyderabad with great enthusiasm and patriotism as it was celebrated in whole country an important ceremony was held at Public School Latifabad, Hyderabad. In the ceremony Divisional Commissioner Hyderabad Bilal Ahmed Memon participated as chief guest. Addressing the ceremony, Commissioner Bilal Ahmed Memon paid tribute to the martyrs and said that September 6th is celebrated because of the sacrifice of our Pakistan Army. He added that the enemy will always lick the wounds while remembering war of September 6, 1965, and if the United Nations had not intervened, occupied Kashmir could have been liberated during the war of

1965. Divisional Commissioner emphasized the importance of the 5th generation war in the present modern age and urged the youth to use social media and other modern technologies to protect the country and the nation. He said that the journey of freedom started from 1947 and through continuous struggle, we can bring our country towards the ranks of developed countries. The Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for a nation apart from color and caste and said that the future of our country is in the hands of the youth. He encouraged the youth to play a crucial role in every field for the security, prosperity, and development of our country. Various tableaux were presented by the students, and speeches were delivered in Urdu, Sindhi, and English on the

topic of 6 September Defence Day of Pakistan. A documentary film was also shown on the occasion of Defence Day, paying tribute to the martyrs of the Pakistan Army. The principal of Public School Hyderabad, Fazal-din Memon, presented souvenirs to the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner. The Certificates were distributed among the participants in the art competitions, and a rally was also organized under the leadership of Divisional Commissioner Hyderabad Bilal Ahmed Memon in the premises of Public School on the occasion of Defence Day. Additional Commissioner II, Assistant Commissioner Latifabad, Assistant Commissioner Hyderabad City, and other district officers were also present at the ceremony.

Eid Milad-un-Nabi ? celebrated at Dargah Faiz Hashmi in New Jatoti



By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: The annual Eid Milad-un-Nabi gathering was held at Takya Faiz Hashmi in New Jatoti. Sajada Nasheen of Dargah Faiz Hashmi, Faqir Ali Nawaz Hashmi, addressed the event, which saw the participation of thousands of local residents as well as dignitaries from various parts of Sindh. According to details, as a matter of fact, this year's annual Eid Milad gathering was organized by Sikandar Faqir at Takya Faiz Hashmi in New Jatoti. The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Agha Jan Umr. Famous local Naat reciters, including Mazhar Ali Khaskheli, Dost Ali Dahiri, and Hussain Bux Chandio, among others, paid tribute to Prophet Muhammad through Naats. In his speech, Khadim Faqira Sufi Basafa Faqir Ali Hashmi, the Sajada Nasheen of Dargah Faiz Hashmi, stated that Rabi' al-Awwal is a month of mercy, kindness, and blessings, and it marks the birth of the Beloved Prophet.

Dr Niaz Kalani decries exploitation of Sindh's agricultural water resources

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Dr. Niaz Kalani, a central leader of JSQM expressed concerns about the exploitation of Sindh's agricultural water resources, stating that efforts are underway to transform Sindh into a barren land by illegally using water meant for the 2 million acres of Cholistan desert. He emphasized that the aware citizens of Sindh would not

allow this plundering of their water resources. Dr. Kalani made these remarks during a conversation with journalists after offering condolences to Hussain Sarfraz, the son of the Late Sarfraz Bhatti, central information secretary of All Sindh Revenue Employees Association and former president of the Press Club, on his father's passing. Dr. Kalani criticized the electoral system, noting that only those who are favored by the

GHS Hingorja celebrates 59th Defence Day of Pakistan with zeal

By Sajjad Chang



HINGORJA: At the Government Higher Secondary School in Hingorja, a dignified ceremony was held to commemorate Defence Day on September 6. The event saw significant participation from teachers, students, and female students. After the ceremony, a rally was organized under the leadership of Principal Madam Razia Bahadur Shaikh, and teachers Noor Sindhri and Aijaz Khaskheli. In her address during the rally, she highlighted that September 6 each year reminds us of the brave soldiers who, during the 1965 war, stood like mountains against the enemy, offering their lives

for the protection of the homeland. The Principal and the participants paid tribute to the martyrs and veterans, reaffirming their commitment to defending the nation and encouraging the younger generation to uphold the same spirit of dedication and responsibility towards national defense.

MPK Mayor leads cake cutting ceremony in honor of Defence Day

By Younis Chandio



MIRPURKHAS: The Mayor of Municipal Corporation Mirpurkhas, Abdul Rauf Ghori, held a cake-cutting ceremony in his office in honor of Defence Day. The cake-cutting event was attended by Civil Defense officers, Mayor Abdul Rauf Ghori, Deputy Mayor Sumera Baloch, President of Pakistan People's Party (City) and Union Council Chairman

Hanif Memon, as well as the Union Council Chairmen Farooq Sharif Baloch, Bhagwan Das, Arshad Hazari, and office staff. The ceremony highlighted the great sacrifices made by the army.

Defence Day celebrated at Tando Jam's GBHS Sirajul Haq Memon



By Irfan Ali Khushk

TANDO JAM: In Tando Jam, various schools organized rallies and ceremonies to commemorate Defence Day on September 6. The Government Boys High School Sirajul Haq Memon held a significant event under the leadership of senior teacher Ali Muhammad Jammali, GSTA leader Sarwar Sial, Aslam Khaskheli, and others. The rally saw large participation from students and teachers, with slogans in support of the motherland and the army. Students sang national songs, and teachers delivered speeches honoring the martyrs. A similar event was held at the Government Boys Primary School in Tando Jam Farm. The children participated enthusiastically, chanting Pak Army Zindabad and Pakistan national songs. The Headmaster, Naeemuddin Channa, also addressed the students. Private and public schools across Tando Jam also held ceremonies to pay tribute to the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives for the country. Students sang

GGHS Jhudo celebrates Defence Day with national fervour

By Shahid Majeed



JHUDO: A ceremony was held at Government Girls' High School Jhudo on Defence Day, led by Headmistress Naheed Talpur. The event was attended by senior teacher Sameena Taj Qaimkhani, Talpur in her speech, emphasized that the purpose of celebrating Defence Day is to send a clear message to our enemies that we remain united, and the entire citizen is standing along-

side the Pakistani Army school presented various national tableaux, paying tribute to the Pakistan Army. Madam Naheed Talpur also performed patriotic songs, and Headmistress Naheed Talpur acknowledged the hard work of the teachers and the talents of the students, praising their efforts and achievements.

Naukot Police arrest a notorious criminal

By Mushahid Nohrio

NAUKOT: In Tharparkar, the police claim of having arrested a criminal in a wounded state during a confrontation with outlaws has turned out to be false. Photos of the young man in his injured state, taken before his arrest, went viral on social media, causing a stir among the police. According to the reports, the Wajohto police in Tharparkar had claimed that during a late-night patrol on the Naukot-Kumri road, they had a confrontation with

criminals, during which they arrested a criminal named Murtaza, alias Pappu Kalhoro, in a wounded state, while his accomplices escaped. The police also claimed that they had recovered a pistol and ammunition from the wounded criminal, who was subsequently transferred to the hospital for medical treatment. However, after the photos of the young man in his injured state before his arrest went viral on social media, the police faced significant criticism. There are allegations that the police

had, in fact, shot Murtaza Kalhoro after apprehending him the previous day and falsely claimed it as a confrontation. The viral photos suggest that the police's account of the encounter may be fabricated. The SHO of Wajohto stated that during the patrol, there was indeed a confrontation with criminals, and Murtaza Kalhoro was arrested in an injured state. He also mentioned that gold jewelry stolen from Wajohto and Mithri police jurisdictions was recovered from him. He dismissed the viral photos as outdated.

METRO KARACHI



Heirs Of Karsaz Accident Victims Pardon Suspect, Bail Granted

KARACHI: The heirs of the victims of the Karsaz road accident have pardoned the suspect involved in the incident, stating that they have no objection to the granting of bail as the mishap was unintentional. "Matters have been settled between us, and we have pardoned the suspect. We have forgiven for the sake of Allah, the Most Kind and Most Merciful," read the affidavit submitted to the court during a hearing of the suspect's bail plea.



(East) granted the suspect bail against a surety bond of Rs100,000.

The victims' heirs clarified that they had no objection to the bail request since the accident was not a deliberate act. "We have submitted this no-objection certificate without any external pressure, and everything stated in the affidavit is true," it further read.

The no-objection certificates were presented in court by the heirs of the deceased Imran Arif - his son Usama Arif, his wife, and daughter. The additional district and sessions judge

dividuals informed the bail that an agreement had been reached between the injured and the defendant.

The suspect's lawyer, in his defense, argued that the suspect was mentally ill and had been undergoing treatment since August 2005. The counsel also clarified that the suspect held a valid UK driving license, which was legally recognized in Pakistan for up to six months.

As proceedings concluded, the complainant's lawyer formally submitted the no-objection certificates to the court.—RT/Agency

Saeed Ghani Affirms Army's Commitment To Protecting Pakistan's Frontiers

KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani addressed a program organized by the Sindh government's Information Department to mark Pakistan's Defence Day. In his speech, Ghani emphasized that opposing the military as a whole equates to supporting terrorists who threaten Pakistan's security.



Ghani asserted that criticism against the entire armed forces undermines their crucial role in safeguarding the country's frontiers. He praised the Pakistani armed forces, rangers, and police for their efforts in combating terrorism.

While acknowledging that the army should not interfere in politics, Ghani stressed that the actions of a few should not tarnish the reputation of the entire institution. He highlighted the dedication of countless sol-

diers ready to sacrifice their lives for Pakistan and urged respect and honor for the martyrs. The minister criticized those who attempt to discredit the military, stating that such actions benefit anti-Pakistan forces rather than serving the nation's interests. He called for unity in protecting the armed forces and supporting their ongoing efforts to combat terrorism and ensure national security.—RT

President Zardari Calls For Strengthening Navy To Protect Pakistan's Geo-Economic Interests

KARACHI: President Asif Ali Zardari emphasized the need for a stronger Pakistan Navy to safeguard the nation's geo-economic interests and maritime frontiers. Speaking at the induction ceremony of MILGEM-class Corvette PNS Babur and Offshore Patrol Vessel PNS Hunain, he highlighted the ships' role in enhancing the Navy's operational capabilities.



The event, held at the PN Dockyard, was attended by Turkey's Deputy Minister of National Defence, Bilal Burdali, and senior military officials. President Zardari hailed the induction of the two ships as a "milestone achievement," fortifying Pakistan's maritime defense and readiness against conventional and asymmetric threats.

PNS Babur, built in Türkiye and commissioned

in September 2023, and success in their missions. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf also praised the government's support, calling the induction a significant step in enhancing the Navy's capacity. He acknowledged the contributions of

ASFAT, Istanbul Shipyard, and DAMEN Shipyard of Türkiye and Romania, the president expressed gratitude to the teams involved and congratulated the commanding officers and crew members of both ships, wishing them

Sindh Minister And P&D Chairman Acknowledge R&T Wing's Research Highlights



KARACHI: Syed Nasir Husain Shah, Sindh's Minister for Planning and Development, was briefed on the latest research findings by the Director-General of the Research & Training (R&T) Wing, Planning & Development Department. The presentation took place at the minister's home office.

On September 6, 2024, the Director-General also presented these research highlights to Najam Ahmed Shah, Chairman of the Planning and Development Board, at his office. Both the Minister and Chairman praised the R&T Wing for its efforts in enhancing government officials' research capacities and facilitating impactful training programs. They commended the Wing for its contribution to improving research quality and developing effective training for government personnel.—RT

Strengthening Media Cooperation Between Pakistan And China: APNS Advocates Renewed Collaboration

Karachi: In a warm and welcoming address, the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) expressed its gratitude to distinguished Chinese diplomats attending a gathering at the APNS office in Karachi. The society highlighted the importance of collaboration between Pakistan and China in the realm of media and journalism.

In his address, veteran publisher and former Member of the National Assembly Kazi Asad Abid of APNS recalled his visit to China in April 2018, where he led a delegation of APNS members to the China-Pakistan Media Forum, held in collaboration with China's Guangming Daily in April, 2018, in Beijing. The forum engaged in comprehensive discussions about the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and fostering a shared future between the two nations. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between APNS and the Guangming Daily, with another agreement signed between the All China Journalists Association and APNS on the same day. These documents envisioned media collaboration and the exchange of best practices and technology between the two great countries.

A significant aspect of the dialogue between Pakistan and China has been the protection of journalists, with potential for learning from China's experiences in this area. Unfortunately, despite the MoUs, progress on media cooperation has been slow. Mr. Kazi also emphasized the necessity of revitalizing the cooperation agreements, urging both countries' media sectors to come forward, enhance communication, and promote collaboration. He called for frequent exchanges of media delegations and the establishment of robust communication channels between the media



institutions of Pakistan and China. Senior members of APNS, Mr. Hameed Haroon, Mr. Shahab Zubairi and Mr. Wamiq Zubairi were also present as speakers at the event, sharing their insights on the importance of media collaboration.—RT

PDMA Sindh Urges Coordinated Flood Response Efforts

KARACHI: On September 6, 2024, Imdad Hussain Siddiqi, Director of Operations at the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh, led a crucial meeting with humanitarian stakeholders to address the extensive damage caused by recent floods in Sindh.



The meeting, held at the PDMA Sindh conference hall, brought together representatives from UN agencies and various international and national NGOs, including UNHCR, UNICEF, CESVI, ACTED, WFP, WHO, IRC, the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat Pakistan, UN FAO, IMC, HANS, FRPD, IRADO, and others.

Siddiqi emphasized the need for coordinated efforts across the flood-affected districts, which include Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Badin, Matiari, Khairpur, Qambar Shahdadkot, Sajawal, Dadu, Jacobabad, and Umerkot. The meeting focused on urgent issues in health, education, water, sanitation, and dewatering.

He highlighted the severe impact on Union Councils and the critical need for dewatering to address stagnant water affecting schools and health facilities. Since July 1, 2024, the

floods have caused 73 fatalities, 153 injuries, the loss of 932 livestock, and significant damage to homes and crops. Additionally, 141,601 people have been displaced, with 163 relief camps and 40 medical camps established. The floods have damaged 327 partially and 198 fully destroyed houses.

Relief efforts have included vaccinating 6,906,302 animals, evacuating 5,085 individuals, and supplying 229 heavy-duty dewatering pumps to District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs). Relief items, including tents, tarpaulin sheets, mosquito nets, blankets, and hygiene kits, have been distributed from warehouses in Karachi, Jamshoro, and Sukkur.

Siddiqi also reported on the current flood situation at the Gudu, Sukkur, and Kotri barrages, noting a medium flood at Kotri. He called for innovative solutions, such as sky-lightening, to mitigate future casualties.

The meeting concluded with a call for a collaborative approach involving DDMAs and District Commissioners to address the needs of affected populations in the ten priority districts. The provincial heads of UN agencies, INGOs, and national NGOs discussed health, education, and water and sanitation issues in the flood-hit areas. Deputy Director Operations Mr. Shayan Shah suggested that all work be carried out with the consent of District Commissioners in the respective sectors.—RT

K-Electric Removes 800 Illegal Connections In Surjani Town And Korangi



KARACHI: K-Electric, in collaboration with law enforcement, removed 800 illegal electricity connections (kundas) weighing over 750kg during anti-theft operations in Surjani Town and Korangi Industrial Area. In Surjani, 750 kundas weighing over 650kg were removed, while in Korangi, 50 kundas weighing 100kg were dismantled. These areas, including North Karachi and parts of Korangi, were stealing around 10,000 units of electricity daily. K-Electric emphasized that such operations aim to reduce power theft, prevent infrastructure damage, and enhance community safety. The utility urged local leaders and residents to support efforts to curb electricity theft and ensure reliable power supply.—RT/Agency

Pakistan's First Health And Wellness Expo A Major Milestone: Atif Iqbal

KARACHI: Atif Iqbal, CEO of High-Q Pharmaceuticals, praised Pakistan's inaugural Health and Wellness Expo as a landmark event for the country's healthcare sector. Held at a local hotel in Karachi, the expo featured numerous stalls from private hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, clinics, labs, and mobile health services, providing valuable health awareness to attendees.



Atif Iqbal urged greater participation from medical institutions in such events to raise public awareness about modern healthcare facilities and advanced treatments, including stem cell and hyperbaric oxygen therapies. He emphasized the importance of safety leadership and collective efforts to benefit public health.

Notable attendees included former Sindh Minister for Sports and Culture Dr. Junaid Ali Shah, CEO of Sindh Integrated Emergency and Health Services Brigadier (R) Tariq Quadir Lakhani SI(M), Dr. Hina, Yoga Master Yogi Wajahat, and Dr. Farhan Essa. The event highlighted advancements in healthcare and the collaborative role



of the medical community in promoting public awareness.—RT

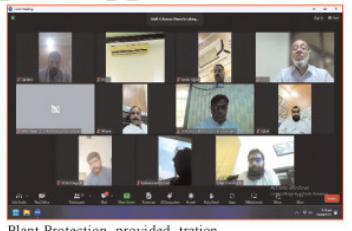
Pakistan Navy Inducts Advanced Warships In Ceremony



KARACHI: The Pakistan Navy has inducted two advanced warships, PNS Babur and PNS Hunain, in a ceremony attended by President Asif Ali Zardari and senior military officials. Built in collaboration with Türkiye and Romania, the warships are equipped with cutting-edge technology and weapons systems, marking a significant boost to Pakistan's maritime defense. Türkiye's Deputy Minister of National Defence was present, underscoring the strong cooperation between the two nations. The warships are expected to enhance Pakistan's ability to secure its territorial waters and trade routes amid rising regional security concerns.—RT

TDAP and A&F Host Webinar On Sesame Seed Cultivation And Export Opportunities

KARACHI: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and the Agriculture & Food (A&F) Department hosted a webinar titled "Good Agricultural Practices For Sesame Seed Cultivation and Export" for the Sahiwal Division. With a production target of 500,000 tons, the event highlighted opportunities to tap into Chinese and other international markets.



During the webinar, the Director General of A&F, TDAP, along with representatives from the Punjab Agriculture Department, Oil Seeds Research Institute, and Department of

Plant Protection, provided valuable insights to farmers, traders, and exporters. Topics covered included sowing techniques, crop management during heatwaves and rainfall, storage, transportation, and export registration. The departments commended TDAP's efforts to promote sesame as a commercial crop and encouraged farmers to adopt sustainable and professional cultivation practices.—RT

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NA Passes 'Peaceful Assembly' Bill Following Senate Approval Despite Opposition Protests

ISLAMABAD: Following the approval from the Senate, the National Assembly (NA) on Friday passed the "Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Bill, 2024", proposing up to three-year imprisonment for organising unauthorised rallies in Islamabad.



The bill, introduced by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) senior leader Danyal Chaudhary, aims to regulate public gatherings in the federal capital and ensure they do not disrupt public order.

Speaking on the floor of the lower house of parliament, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the purpose of the bill is to maintain peace during public assemblies and processions.

He dismissed the opposition's concerns, saying that the increasing number of demonstrations in the federal capital has caused significant inconvenience to citizens.

"The bill seeks to address these challenges while pre-

servicing the right to peaceful assembly," the federal minister added.

Despite opposition from lawmakers of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), the peaceful assembly was passed by a majority vote.

With approval from both houses of parliament, the bill will now be sent to President Asif Ali Zardari for final endorsement to become law.

The new bill empowers the district magistrate to regulate and ban public assemblies in the federal capital, proposing a punishment of

up to three years or/and an unspecified fine to the members of an 'unlawful assembly'.

Meanwhile, it also proposed that repeat offenders will be liable to imprisonment for a term that may extend to 10 years.

As per a report published in media, the bill bounds the event coordinator of an assembly within the ICT, if: (a) the assembly poses a risk to national security or public safety, (b) there are credible reports from law-enforcement agencies indicating a substantial risk of violence or public disorder, (c) the as-

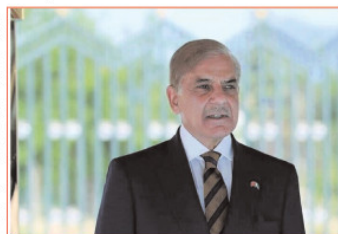
sembly would significantly disrupt the daily activities of the community, impede the movement of people and goods, or infringe upon fundamental rights of citizens with regard to freedom of trade, business or profession guaranteed under Article 18 of the Constitution; or (d) another procession or assembly is already ongoing within the ICT, and the additional assembly would increase disruptions or pose additional security risks.

The bill says the ban on assembly would remain in force for the duration specified by the district magistrate, which may be extended if the conditions necessitating the ban persist.

"An officer-in-charge of a police station, on the instruction of the district magistrate, may command any assembly likely to disturb the public peace to disperse. It shall then be the duty of the members of such an assembly to comply and disperse accordingly," it reads.—RT/Agency

PM Commemorates Armed Forces' 59 Years Of Vigilance, Excellence, And Resilience

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said that today on September 6, Pakistan commemorates a pivotal moment in its history, Defence and Martyrs Day, honoring the unwavering courage and ultimate sacrifices of its brave armed forces who repelled India's aggression in 1965.



"Fifty-nine years on, the Armed Forces of Pakistan unceasingly show the same ever-ready state of alertness, professional excellence and war preparedness while up-keeping the 'Spirit of September' that has become a symbol of resistance and resilience," the prime minister said in a message on Defence and Martyrs Day, September 6, 2024.

He said the September 6 marks a significant day in the history of Pakistan. "Every year on this day, the Pakistani nation observes 'Defence & Martyrs Day' in a befitting manner. Together we pay rich tributes to the valiant sons of soil and brave heroes of our Armed Forces who fearlessly fought, and defeated India that attacked our motherland across the international border on 6 September 1965," he added.

Despite their numerical advantage, the prime minister said the enemy designs were thwarted by the valiant Armed Forces and were handed an unforgettable defeat, on all fronts.

"The courage and dedication of our soldiers coupled with preparedness of the Armed Forces ensure that we live in a free and sovereign country. We salute the families of Shuhada, whose immense resilience and strength continues to inspire us to

commit to the defence of the country," he said adding "Our Armed Forces, equipped with modern day combat capability, are constantly enhancing their prowess to defend our territorial integrity and sovereign identity"

He stressed that the Government of Pakistan believes in dialogue over conflict and in cooperation over confrontation. "Our aim is to create an environment where all nations can prosper, and address issues like poverty, health, and education."

Unfortunately, he said non-resolution of the Jammu & Kashmir dispute is hampering the pace of positive development in the region. Kashmir is the unfinished agenda of partition that needs immediate settlement as per the aspirations of the people of Kashmir and according to the relevant UN Security Council resolutions through an impartial plebiscite. At the same time, roots of terrorism stemming from our neighbors need to be curbed in our common interest.

"I bring to you a message of hope and resolve on this day. Remember, our past is a testament to our ability to overcome adversity. Each God willing"—RT/Agency

time, we have emerged stronger, battle-hardened. On this day, we must draw upon the same spirit of resilience that has always defined us. Azm-e-Istehkam under revised National Action Plan is meant to root out both physical and digital terrorism, once and for all. It is important that we join hands and pave a way to prosperous Pakistan," the prime minister added.

As regards, situation in Palestine, the prime minister said Pakistan stands firmly with the people of Palestine. "We will continue to raise the issue on all global platforms. The Palestinian people have shown incredible courage in their long struggle against Israeli occupation. We urge the international community to ensure the protection of Palestinian Citizens and stop genocide of innocent Muslims in Gaza," he added.

He prayed to Allah Almighty to bless the souls of the martyrs and provide strength and patience to the families. "Let us draw inspiration from them to defend and build Pakistan with the same Spirit of September, and touch the heights of glory, God willing"—RT/Agency

PTI Seeks Legal Relief For Imran Following SC Decision On NAB Amendments

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan on Friday hoped for legal relief for party founder Imran Khan, saying that major cases against him will no longer fall in the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) jurisdiction.



Gohar made these comments after Supreme Court's decision to accept intra-court appeals filed against the September 15, 2023, majority judgement striking down the amendments to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO).

Speaking to media after the verdict, the chairman said that the Toshakhana case and Al-Qadir Trust case do not fall in the anti-graft body's jurisdiction anymore. He added that the ₹190 million case should be settled on merit.

"The ₹190 million was also decided by the cabinet [...] and under the new amendments, the NAB law will not apply to the decisions of the cabinet," he stressed.

The PTI chief said the unanimous verdict has benefited Khan in a way that the Toshakhana case — which is worth Rs30-40

million — can no longer proceed.

Gohar further said that the ₹190 million can't be proceeded as well as it does not involve personal interest, adding that the top court has issued a verdict.

Earlier today, a five-member bench of the SC, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faiz Isa, accepted the intra-court appeals filed by the federal and provincial governments against the September 15 judgement.

Announcing the verdict today, the apex court remarked that the PTI founder could not prove that NAB amendments were unconstitutional. The five-member bench reserved the verdict on June 6 on multiple appeals against the apex court's September 15 ver-

dict which was announced by then-CJP Umar Ata Bandial. The majority judgement had struck down some amendments made to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO), 1999.

The amendments — National Accountability (Second Amendment) Act 2022 — were passed in a joint sitting of the parliament in April 2022 during the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM)-led government which came into power after ousting ex-prime minister Khan via a no-trust vote in 2022. It modified sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 26 of the NAB laws, how-ever, 9 out of 10 amendments were declared "null and void" by the CJP Bandial-led bench on the PTI founder's petition filed in June 2022.—RT/Agency

Aurangzeb Honors Shaheed L/NK Waqar's Family And Pays Tribute To Martyrs



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Friday visited the residence of Shaheed Lance Naik (L/NK) Waqar Hussain Shah, who laid down his life in the line of duty, defending the nation with unparalleled bravery and dedication.

During the visit, the minister met with the martyr's widow Sania Nazir and their children, extending his deepest condolences and expressing the nation's immense pride in the valor and sacrifice of Shaheed Waqar, a news release said.

He said the entire nation stood in gratitude and solidarity with the families of those who have given their lives for Pakistan.

The minister remarked, "Our martyrs are the pride of the nation, and their sacrifices serve as a beacon of courage and patriotism for generations to come. The bravery of heroes like Shaheed Waqar Hussain Shah will forever be remembered, and the nation is indebted to

their service."

Sania Nazir expressed her gratitude for the minister's visit, reiterating her commitment to raising their children in the spirit of patriotism and service to the country.

The children of Shaheed Waqar were assured of continued support and recognition by the government for their father's supreme sacrifice.

Muhammad Aurangzeb also commended the Pakistan Army and other security forces for their unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and ensuring peace within the region.

He emphasized that the sacrifices of martyrs were a reminder of the enduring strength and resilience of Pakistan's military and the spirit of its people.

He offered Fataha and prayed for Shaheed Waqar Hussain Shah and all martyrs of the Pakistan Armed Forces, whose legacy continued to inspire the nation.—RT/Agency

LHC Nullifies Appointment Of Nadra Chairman

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) directed the removal of National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) Chairman Lt Gen Munir Afsar on Friday, declaring his appointment null and void.



A citizen, Ashba Kamran, had challenged the appointment of Afsar as the chairman in a petition, which was approved by the LHC.

Directing for the chairman's removal, Justice Asim Hafeez gave a reserved verdict on Kamran's plea.

The illegality committed by way of an unauthorised appointment, by the appointing authority, cannot be concealed, Justice Hafeez said.

Hence, the judge in his remarks maintained, the appointment was "declared without requisite 'authority of law'".

He also directed to send a copy of the order to the federal cabinet, Ministry of Interior and all the departments concerned.

It was contended in the petition that the caretaker

government had approved the appointment of a serving army officer by amending the Nadra Ordinance. The caretaker government cannot interfere in permanent policy matters, it argued.

The petition pleaded that the high court should quash the Nadra amendment rules and declare appointment of the servicemen as Nadra chairman invalid media — in its report quoting sources on August 30, 2023 — said that the interim federal cabinet had approved the rules for the appointment of the Nadra chairman, which opened doors to the service-

men to be deputed as the head of the public institution. Credible sources had told media that the summary received by the Cabinet Division from the Ministry of Interior, in which filling the extraordinary position of Nadra chairman on a deputation or secondment basis had been clearly approved for inclusion in the new rules.

Earlier, the Nadra Ordinance clearly stated that only an independent person could be appointed to this post, which meant that no government official, retired officer or secretary could be given this position.—RT/Agency

ECP Rejects PTI Request For Delay In Intra-Party Polls Hearing

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday dismissed the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) pleas seeking deferment of the hearing of the case regarding its intra-party polls till the Supreme Court provides clarification on its July 12 ruling on the reserved seats matter.



In its decision, the ECP maintained that the PTI had already delayed the issue of intra-party polls a lot and it wouldn't be appropriate to defer the matter any further.

The ruling, reserved on August 27, was announced by the electoral body's three-member bench comprising Nisar Ahmed Durrani, Shah Muhammad Jatoi and Justice (ret'd) Ikram Ullah.

The development comes as the Imran Khan-founded party had filed a plea in the ECP seeking a delay in hearing of the intra-party elections issue and had also challenged its jurisdiction over the matter.

It is to be noted that the government body had taken up the matter after the apex court's full bench declared the party eligible for the allocation of re-

served seats.

The months-long intra-party polls saga dates back to last year when the ECP revoked the party's bat symbol over unlawful elections within the party.

The PTI had then held another intra-party elections in March this year — which too were challenged in the electoral body.

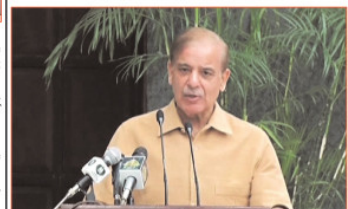
Stressing that registered political parties are obligated to elect their officials at the federal and local levels, ECP's today's verdict says that arguments in the case regarding PTI's intra-party polls will be taken up on September 18.

The ruling also pointed out that the former ruling party's own members had filed complaints with the commission on intra-party elections.

Rejecting the former ruling party's plea challenging its jurisdiction, the electoral body said that it is bound to verify the documents submitted by a party under Section 208 of the Elections Act.

The commission is bound to look into the matter before issuing the certificate to the party and is also responsible for seeing whether the intra-party elections have been conducted in accordance with the law and the party constitution or not, read the order issued by the three-member bench.

Government Eliminates Vacant Posts And Bans New Purchases



ISLAMABAD: The federal government, while implementing austerity measures, has eliminated all vacant posts that have remained unfilled for the past three years, media reported on Friday.

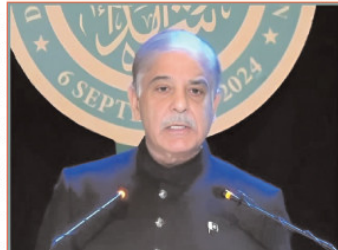
An official notification has been issued by the Ministry of Finance detailing the cuts in expenditure, which also include a ban on creating new positions across all departments of government.

In a move to reduce unnecessary government expenditure, the notification further stated that the government has imposed a ban on the purchase of all types of vehicles, machinery, and equipment adding that the citizens seeking medical treatment abroad will no longer be able to do so at the government's expense.

In an additional measure to cut government expense, non-essential foreign travel funded by the government has also been prohibited.—RT/Agency

PM Calls For Complete Eradication Of Fitna Al-Khawarij

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday vowed to continue operations till the total elimination of terrorism as Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Sayed Asim Munir stressed that political differences must not turn into hatred for the sake of "national unity."



The prime minister and army chief were speaking at the Defense Day ceremony held at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

The army chief expressing his commitment to eradicating terrorism, stated, "For national unity, it is essential that political differences do not turn into hatred." The army chief further emphasised that to achieve national unity, it is crucial to safeguard the rights of minorities according to the Constitution of Pakistan, rising above religious intolerance. The army chief also discussed the operation "Azm-e-Istehkam" (Resolve of Stability) aimed at ending terrorism. He mentioned, "Operation Azm-e-I-

stehkam is part of the National Action Plan. In this long war, not only the Pakistan Armed Forces and law enforcement agencies but also a large number of civilians, especially from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, have made great sacrifices." Gen Munir highlighted that the brave people of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan have made extraordinary sacrifices, which are a golden chapter in the history of the nation. He fur-

ther stated, "I want to make it clear to the foreign powers involved in spreading terrorism that the Pakistan Armed Forces and the people of Pakistan know how to defend their sovereignty and will never allow your evil intentions to succeed."

Gen Munir said that Pakistani nation stands shoulder to shoulder with its armed forces and will continue to defend the nation's sovereignty for the future.—RT/Agency