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MPA Rashid Khan Visits APCA Protest, Pledges Action On Forced Transfers

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Rashid Khan, Member of the Sindh Provincial Assembly, visited the protest camp set up by the All Pakistan Clerks Association (APCA) at the Directorate of Schools Education, Hyderabad. The protest was organized in response to the forced transfers of Superintendents from the Sindh Education Department.



APCA's central and provincial leaders, including Asadullah Durrani, Ashraf Khan Bozai, Syed Munoor Ali Shah, Inam Baksh Memon, Aqeel Qureshi, and other officials, warmly received Mr. Khan. During his visit, they briefed him on the injustices faced by the department's lower staff.

Mushaira And 272nd Urs Of Hazrat Makhdoom Muhammad Ismail (RA) Held At Khairpur Gymkhana Club

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: The 272nd Urs celebration of Hazrat Makhdoom Muhammad Ismail (RA) was marked by a grand Mushaira (poetry gathering) at the Gymkhana Club Khairpur. The event commenced with a soulful recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Qari Amer Ali, setting a spiritual tone for the proceedings.



Poet and scholar Kausar Brohi presided over the event, while notable special guests included Makhdoom Munir Ali Hashmi, Pir Tauqeer Jan Sarhindi from Kiran Sharif, Pir Farhan Ali Sarhindi from Shikarpur, Pir Syed Kashif Ali Shah Jilani from Ranipur, Director of Radio Pakistan Khairpur Syed Akbar Shah, and former Dean of Shah Abdul Latif University Dr. Taj Muhammad Lashari.

HerSpace Hosts Pioneering Workshop On Climate Anxiety In Hyderabad

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: HerSpace, a youth-led grassroots network dedicated to gender and climate justice, successfully hosted its inaugural "Clay Conversations: A One-Day Workshop for Climate Anxiety" at Artghar in Hyderabad. This groundbreaking event marked the first workshop in Hyderabad specifically aimed at addressing climate anxiety, drawing a diverse group of participants, including students, development professionals, academics, and artists.



The workshop provided a unique and therapeutic environment for attendees to explore and articulate their feelings about the climate crisis through creative outlets such as clay sculpting, mindfulness exercises, and live music. As a member of the UNESCO YOUCAN network, HerSpace emphasizes the critical intersection between gender and climate issues, acknowledging their profound interconnection.

The session focused on eco-anxiety, a growing psychological response to the escalating threats posed by climate change. Participants engaged in thoughtful discussions about the emotional impact of the climate crisis, including feelings of fear, helplessness, and guilt, and reflected on how these emotions affect their mental well-being. Several activities were designed to foster emotional healing and expression.

Villagers Protest Against ATC Case, Block National Highway In Thatta



By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: A large group of villagers, backed by activists from political and nationalist parties, staged a sit-in on the National Highway connecting Thatta and Hyderabad at Chhuttochand, a commercial hub, on Sunday. The protest brought vehicular traffic to a halt for several hours.

The demonstration was triggered by the registration of an Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) case against over 50 known villagers and 400 unidentified individuals. The case was allegedly filed by the owner of a local stone-crushing plant following a protest by the villagers.

The villagers had earlier voiced their concerns over the environmental and safety hazards caused by the stone-crushing operations in their area. The plant owner, however, accused the protesters of theft and launching an attack, leading to the ATC case being registered.

Residents Of Village Sanolo Jamali Protest Against Harassment By Influential Figures



By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: Residents of Sanolo Jamali village, within the jurisdiction of the A-Section Police Station, held a protest in front of the press club, carrying the Holy Quran as a symbol of their plea for justice.

The protest was led by Samira Jamali, Muskan Jamali, Saima Jamali, and Mahboob Jamali, who voiced their grievances against influential individuals in their community.

The protesters alleged that their relatives—Sadeer Jamali, Kalo Jamali, Zulfiqar, and Murtaza Jamali—had been coercing them to engage in immoral activities. When the residents refused, they were subjected to violent attacks.

Hur Followers Embark On Foot Journey From Achhro Thar To Pir Pagara's Shrine

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: A group of Hur followers, led by Faqir Syed Suleman Shah, Faqir Misri Faqir Rajar, and Faqir Muhammad Azeem Jonejo, commenced their annual pilgrimage on foot from Achhro Thar, Sanghar, to visit their spiritual leader, Pir Sahib Pagara, the head of the Functional Muslim League. The group made a stop in Khairpur, where they were welcomed at the residence of Faqir Sabir Hussain Mahesara, a District Council member and the Information Secretary for the Functional Muslim League in Taluka Khairpur.

After a brief rest, the group continued their journey toward Pir Jo Goth, the location of Pir Pagara's shrine. Chanting slogans in honor of their revered leader, the followers expressed their devotion and commitment to the spiritual tradition of the Hur community.

Haakro Welfare Association Advocates For Promotion Of Livelihood Skills In Schools, Gains Support From Education Officials

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The Haakro Welfare Association, led by Patron Muhammad Ramzan and Dr. Maqbool Ahmed Shar, has successfully passed a resolution calling for the integration of livelihood skills alongside academic education in schools.



The initiative received widespread support from key stakeholders, reflecting the growing demand for practical skills to be taught within the education system. During the meeting, Additional Director Chandu Mal expressed his agreement with the suggestions put forward by the association and assured his full cooperation in implementing these changes.

In addition, Deputy District Education Officer (DEO) for Secondary Education, Rajab Ali Kumbhar, and Deputy DEO Ali Khan, both pledged to cooperate fully in promoting girls' education across all schools in their districts. They recognized the importance of the Haakro Welfare Association's work and committed to ensuring its success.

IBA-Qualified PST And JST Candidates Demand Immediate Recruitment In Khairpur Protest Rally

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: IBA-qualified Primary School Teacher (PST) and Junior School Teacher (JST) candidates, under the banner of the Action Committee for 40-plus Marks Holders, organized a protest rally demanding their appointment orders. The rally, which began at Session Court Road and concluded at the press club, was led by Ali Ahmed Shar, Ghulam Asghar Memon, Salahuddin Chana, and Mulazim Hussain Shar.



The protesting candidates expressed their deep frustration, stating that despite passing the qualifying criteria over three years ago, the Sindh government has failed to issue their appointment orders. They called this delay an outright injustice, especially when the province's education system is in dire need of qualified teachers.

In their protest, the candidates urged the provincial government to take immediate action against the Sindh Education Minister, Sardar Shah, and other responsible officials. They demanded the swift recruitment of all candidates who secured 40-plus marks to fill the vacancies in the education system and address the crisis in the province's schools.

Pakistan Sunni Tehreek Announces New Leadership For Sukkur Division Amid Milad-Un-Nabi Rally

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: The central leadership of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek (PST) has announced new appointments for key positions in the Sukkur Division. Senior party leader Muhammad Ramzan Mughal has been named the President of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek for Sukkur Division, while Mir Muhammad Shah has taken the role of District President for Khairpur. Abdul Qudoos Soomro has been appointed as General Secretary, Ghulam Murtaza Metlo as Taluka Khairpur President, Asif Ali Mughal as City Khairpur President, and Irshad Rajput as District Leader Prior to the formal announcements, the party organized a rally titled "Labbaik Ya Rasool Allah," which began from Saraki Mor Lukman. Led by central leaders Mufti Muhammad

Ashraf Sikandari, Mufti Li-aaqat Ali Sikandari, Muhammad Ramzan Mughal, Mir Muhammad Shah, Abdul Qudoos Soomro, Irshad Rajput, and Asif Ali Mughal, the rally made its way through key routes including Lukman Phatak, Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi Road, Machis Factory, Mill Colony, Chandio Mor, Num Mor, Station Road, Khaki Shah Pul, and Phool Bagh, culminating in a large gathering at Panjulla Chowk. During the event, speakers passionately spoke about the significance of celebrating the birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), describing it as an act of worship that brings Muslims together to recite Darood, Salaam, and express their love for the Prophet. They emphasized that the birth of the Prophet (PBUH) ended the era of ignorance, brought divine blessings, and illuminated the world with his light. The speakers urged those who do not wish to celebrate the Milad to refrain from obstructing those who do. The event concluded with participants being congratulated on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi. Special prayers were offered for the freedom of Palestine and Kashmir, the relief of hardships and difficulties, and the progress and prosperity of Pakistan, including prayers for continued success for the Pakistan Army. The rally was conducted under tight security, with flower petals being showered on the participants as they marched. Along the way, citizens generously provided cold water, sherbet, and food to the rally attendees. Throughout the procession, the crowd fervently recited Darood, Salaam, and Naat in honor of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Kumb Couple Protest Harassment By Influential Figures, Demands Protection

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: A couple from the village of Muhammad Bux Dahr, located within the jurisdiction of the Kumb Police Station near Khairpur, staged a second day of protests, calling for protection from harassment by influential individuals. Zohaib Hassan Dahr and his wife, Zubeda, revealed that they had entered into a marriage

of their own choice last month, a decision that angered certain powerful figures in their community. Since their marriage, the couple has been subjected to continuous harassment and threats from the accused—Imdad Mallah, Saleem Mati, and their associates. The intimidation has left the couple in a state of fear and distress, forcing them to go into hiding to protect themselves. Despite repeatedly reporting the threats to the Khairpur police, no action has been taken against the alleged harassers. The couple has now appealed to higher authorities, urging the DIG Sukkur and SSP Khairpur to take immediate action against the accused and ensure their safety. They stressed the need for justice and protection from the ongoing threats they face.



# EDITORIAL

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## Another Victim Denied Justice Amid Growing Threats to Polio Workers

The recent rape of a polio worker in Jacobabad serves as a tragic reminder of the growing dangers faced by those on the frontlines of public health in Pakistan. This horrific crime, compounded by the actions of law enforcement, underscores a broader issue—victims of sexual violence are being denied justice, their voices silenced under the weight of corruption and influence.

The case reveals the stark reality of how powerful figures manipulate the justice system. The polio worker was coerced into retracting her initial statement of rape,

forced by the police to claim she was merely robbed. Only after presenting her case in court did the truth begin to emerge.



However, the fact that her statement was changed by the police, at the behest of influential figures, speaks volumes about the lack of accountability and protection for victims in Pakistan.

This attack is not an isolated incident but part of a disturbing pattern. Polio workers, especially women, have long been at risk,

facing threats, violence, and now, rape while carrying out life-saving work. These frontline workers already operate in a hostile environment, and this latest crime only adds to the climate of fear.

Until justice is served—not only for this victim but for all victims of sexual violence—Pakistan will continue to be a country where the vulnerable are left unprotected, and the powerful walk free. The system must be reformed to hold perpetrators accountable and protect those who serve their communities, or we risk losing the battle not only against polio but against injustice itself.

# GLOBAL WATCH



## 34 Iranian women prisoners on hunger strike: jailed Nobel peace laureate

**TEHRAN:** Thirty-four women prisoners went on hunger strike in an Iranian prison on Sunday to mark two years since protests erupted against clerical authorities, the foundation of Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi said.



“Today, on the 15th September 2024, 34 female political prisoners in Evin Prison have gone on a hunger strike in commemoration of the second anniversary of the ‘Woman, Life, Freedom’ movement, we reaffirm our commitment to achieving democracy, freedom, and equality and to defeating theocratic despotism,” Mohammadi said in a statement on her official X account. “Today, we raise our voices louder and strengthen our resolve.”

Amini was a 22-year-old Iranian Kurd whose death in custody after her arrest for allegedly violating the strict dress code for women sparked the demonstrations.

The prisoners had abstained from food “in solidarity with the protesting people of Iran, against the government’s oppressive policies,” the foundation added.

Mohammadi, who has campaigned against the compulsory wearing of the hijab and the death penalty in Iran, has been in Tehran’s Evin prison since November 2021. She has spent much of the past decade in and out of jail and has staged repeated hunger strikes.

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## ‘It’s Terrifying’: Woman In China Finds Human Tooth In Mooncake, Probe Underway



Sam’s Club, a US-based supermarket chain, is facing investigation after a shocking discovery in one of its China branches. According to the South China Morning Post, a customer was left stunned after she found a human tooth in a meat-filled mooncake purchased from the Changzhou location in Jiangsu province. A video posted on Douyin by the woman shows the unsettling find in the 30-yuan (\$4) pastry.

The disturbing footage shows a hand holding a suspected human molar, covered in meat filling, on a piece of tissue paper next to a partially consumed mooncake. She confirmed the tooth wasn’t from anyone in her family and immediately reported the incident to the police.

“My family ate this just now. Look at what it ate. It’s terrifying,” a voice can be heard saying.

Sam’s Club has now launched an investigation into the disturbing discovery, while the mooncake manufacturer has denied any possibility of contamination. Speaking to Hongxing News, spokesperson Liu insisted it’s “impossible” for a tooth to be mixed into the meat filling.

Liu explained that the manufacturing process involves mincing meat, which

## Albert Einstein's 1939 Atomic Bomb Warning Letter Sells For 32.7 Crores

The letter that Albert Einstein penned in 1939, urging President Roosevelt to prioritize nuclear research, sold for a staggering \$3.9 million at a recent Christie's auction. This letter, which played a pivotal role in the development of the atomic bomb, was originally addressed to the US president, highlighting the grave potential of nuclear weapons for American involvement.



The original letter, now part of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library's collection in New York, was Einstein's attempt to warn President Roosevelt that Germany might be developing nuclear weapons. In the letter, Einstein discussed recent breakthroughs in nuclear physics, noting that uranium could become “a new and important source of energy” and warning that this energy could be harnessed to create “extremely powerful bombs.”

described the letter as “one of the most influential letters in history.” Written in the summer of 1939, it set the stage for the nuclear arms race and changed the course of the war and human history. According to Business Insider, the auctioned copy was the only one in private hands, previously owned by the late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who purchased it in 2002 for \$2.1 million. Before that, it was part of publisher Malcolm Forbes’ collection, acquired from Leo Szilard’s estate.

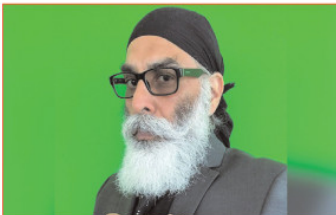
Einstein, along with fellow physicist Leo Szilard, had fled Europe due to the rise of Adolf Hitler. Feeling a sense of urgency, Einstein’s letter helped convince the US government to expedite its research into nuclear fission, leading to the Manhattan Project and the eventual development of atomic bombs.

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Peter Klamet, senior specialist in Americana, books, and manuscripts at Christie’s, said the letter was “one of the most influential letters in history.”

## Rahul Gandhi's Sikh 'existential threat' confirmation bolsters Khalistan Referendum: Pannun

**LONDON:** Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi’s factually truthful statement in Washington DC acknowledging that Sikhs are facing an existential threat in India will serve as a catalyst for the Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) Khalistan Referendum campaign and will amplify and bolster the support for the independence of Punjab, the group’s Counsel General Gurbatwant Singh Pannun has said.



Pannun said that extremist Hindutva groups such as BJP, RSS and Jana Sangh members, who are condemning Gandhi for acknowledging the facts, are enemies of Sikhs, Punjab and Khalistan. Gandhi has also briefed members of Congress about the persecution that Sikhs are facing in Modi’s India, he said.

“That is why the opposition leader has launched his diplomatic move to build rapport with future neighbour Khalistan. Gandhi has signalled to the US that the Congress party has accepted that Punjab will be an independent country because Sikhs are facing an existential threat in Modi’s India,” he added.

The New York-based lawyer said: “These BJP, RSS and Jana Sangh leaders such as Manjinder Sirsa and Iqbal Lalpura are enemies of Sikhs, Punjab and Khalistan and they will be held accountable. Prime Minister Modi, it is high time you realise that the people of Punjab are seeking independence from the Union of India through the global Khalistan referendum.”

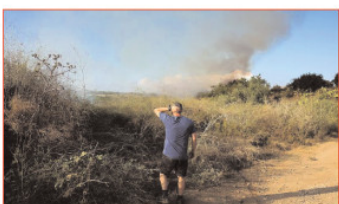
## Michaela DePrince, America's Trailblazing Ballerina, Dies Aged 29



Ballet dancer Michaela Mabinty DePrince, who moved to the United States from an orphanage in conflict-ridden Sierra Leone and graced some of the world’s most prestigious stages, died aged 29. Her death was announced on her personal Instagram page by a family spokesperson, though the cause of death has not been disclosed. “Michaela touched so many lives across the world, including ours,” her family shared in a statement, describing her death as “sudden.” Her sister, Mia Mabinty DePrince, expressed her devastation, stating, “I am in a state of shock and deep sadness. My beautiful sister is no longer here.” Tributes from the ballet world and beyond have poured in, with American ballerina Misty Copeland writing, “Despite being told the world wasn’t ready for black ballerinas,” she remained determined and made big strides.” DePrince’s life and career shattered barriers for dancers of colour, challenging stereotypes in the ballet community. Born in 1995 in Kenema, Sierra Leone, DePrince’s early life was marked by tragedy.—Agency

## Israel to retaliate as Netanyahu warns Houthis after missile hits central Israel

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would inflict a “heavy price” on the Iran-aligned Houthis who control northern Yemen, after they reached central Israel with a missile on Sunday for the first time.



Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea said the group struck with a new hypersonic ballistic missile that travelled 2,040 km (1270 miles) in just 11 1/2 minutes. After initially saying the missile had fallen in an open area, Israel’s military later said it had probably fragmented in the air, and that pieces of interceptors had landed in fields and near a railway station. No body was reported hurt.

Reuters saw smoke billowing in an open field in central Israel. The drone that hit Tel Aviv for the first time in July killed a man and wounded four people. Israeli air strikes in response on Houthi military targets near the port of Hodeidah killed six and wounded 80. Previously, Houthi missiles have not penetrated deep into Israeli airspace, with the only one reported to have hit Israeli territory falling in an open area near the Red Sea port of Eilat in March.—Agency





# METRO KARACHI



## Sindh Governor Honors Notable Figures With Honorary Doctorates

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has conferred honorary doctorate degrees upon several distinguished individuals in recognition of their exceptional contributions to diplomacy and international relations. Among the honorees were Iran's Consul General Hassan Nourian and Bahrain's Consul General Abdullah Ahmed Bughous.



The awards were presented during a special convocation of Jinnah University for Women, Karachi, held at the Governor House. In his address, Governor Tessori praised the honorees for their significant efforts in advancing diplomacy and promoting global development. He stressed the importance of recognizing those who serve with dedication, noting that such recognition inspires others and contributes to

national progress. The list of recipients also included Farhan Hanif, Arshad Wali Muhammad, Ms. Akram Khatoon, Haji Hanif Tayyab, and Syed Nadeem Raza Sarwar. Governor Tessori commended their outstanding achievements in various fields, emphasizing their crucial role in enhancing international relations and driving development. He acknowledged their unwavering commitment to fostering dialogue, resolving conflicts, and addressing global issues, which has set high standards of excellence.

## Eid Milad-un-Nabi Celebrations At Governor House

KARACHI: Governor 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal announced that there would be a series of 12 gatherings throughout the month of Rabi-ul-Phophet Muhammad (PBUH) during a special gathering at the Governor House to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH). He emphasized that following the Prophet's teachings is crucial for leading a meaningful life, and that the system of Mustafa (PBUH) provides solutions to all societal challenges.

The Governor House was adorned with vibrant lights and decorations, creating a festive and uplifting atmosphere for the occasion. In his address, Governor Tessori expressed his appreciation for being appointed on the auspicious day of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal and announced that there would be a series of 12 gatherings throughout the month of Rabi-ul-Phophet Muhammad (PBUH) during a special gathering at the Governor House to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH). He emphasized that following the Prophet's teachings is crucial for leading a meaningful life, and that the system of Mustafa (PBUH) provides solutions to all societal challenges.

## Saeed Ghani Urges Media To Support Efforts Against Illegal Constructions In Karachi

KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister, Saeed Ghani, has called on the media to assist the provincial government in curbing the construction of illegal buildings across Karachi. He made this appeal while speaking as the chief guest at an event organized by the Local Bodies Reporters' Association (LBRA) at the KMC Sports Complex. The ceremony recognized the lifetime achievements of veteran journalist Shehzad Chughtai.



During his address, Ghani expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of the Sindh Building Control Authority, noting that thousands of illegal structures had been erected in the city over the years. He stressed the importance of media collaboration in preventing the further rise of such constructions, urging journalists to report on these matters factually to maintain credibility. The minister acknowledged the shortcomings of various municipal agen-

cies, stating that they had not been able to serve the public effectively. He assured attendees that provincial authorities would take notice of factual news reports and act accordingly. Ghani also emphasized his longstanding, amicable relations with the media, despite occasional differences of opinion. Praising Shehzad Chughtai's contributions to journalism, Ghani described him as an institution within the field, encouraging younger journalists to learn from his experience. He also welcomed the opportunity to act as a patron for LBRA, the representative body of reporters covering municipal affairs. Former Karachi Press Club President Imtiaz Khan Faran, also spoke at the event, suggesting that media should hold cantonment boards and DHA accountable for their performance in serving residents. LBRA General Secretary, Imran Ali Shah, reinforced the request for Ghani to assume a patron role for the association.—RT

## Ombudsman Rescues University Student's Academic Year From Administrative Error

KARACHI: Provincial Ombudsman Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput has intervened to protect the academic year of Owais Ahmed Bhayo, a Clinical Pharmacy student at Shah Abdul Latif University. Owais Ahmed, who is in his second semester, was mistakenly declared as having failed his exams despite maintaining an excellent academic record. In response to this discrepancy, Owais Ahmed submitted a petition to the provincial ombudsman, which led

to a comprehensive investigation. The investigation uncovered that the university administration had made a significant error in declaring Owais Ahmed as failed. Following this, Ombudsman Dr. Rajput issued directives to the university, including the Controller of Examinations, to correct the mistake and ensure fairness. In compliance with the ombudsman's orders, the university administration has reversed its earlier decision and officially

## Three Passengers At Karachi Airport Suspected Of Mpxv; Hospitalized For Testing



KARACHI: On Sunday, three passengers arriving at Karachi's Jinnah International Airport were suspected of having mpox, according to reports. The passengers, who were returning from Middle Eastern countries, have been transferred to the Sindh government's Infectious Diseases Hospital for further evaluation. They will be placed in isolation until their test results are available. As of now, Pakistan has reported a total of six confirmed mpox cases, with the majority in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

## PSQCA Highlights Role In Quality Assurance At IEEE Exhibition

KARACHI: The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Pakistan (IEEE) successfully hosted a three-day exhibition at the Karachi Expo Center. The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) took part in the event, with representatives including Media In-charge Mr. Mubej-ur-Rahman Solangi, Assistant Directors Engineer Bashir Ahmad, Imtiaz Ali Memon, and Engineer Ayaz Hussain Abro. They engaged with attendees, explaining PSQCA's role in upholding quality and standards.



The PSQCA booth drew thousands of visitors eager to learn about the organization's initiatives, with representatives handing out brochures and educational materials. The event, organized by Engineer Ahmed Zubair, was lauded for its successful execution and diverse display of electrical and electronic products. During the closing ceremony, shields and certificates were awarded to notable guests in acknowledgment of their contributions.—RT

## Successful Wrap-Up Of 'Jom! Malaysia Chaloo!' Event Held At Dolmen Mall Clifton

KARACHI: The Consulate General of Malaysia in Karachi is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of the 'Jom! Malaysia Chaloo!' event, which took place at Dolmen Mall Clifton from 13 to 15 September 2024. This engaging three-day event effectively highlighted Malaysia's higher education opportunities, tourism attractions, and cultural heritage, drawing substantial public interest.



The event featured exhibitions from 12 leading Malaysian universities, offering Pakistani students and their families valuable information about academic programs, scholarships, and study opportunities in Malaysia. Additionally, Tourism Malaysia and Batik Air showcased travel experiences and affordable flight options between Karachi and Kuala Lumpur.

With traditional Malaysian cultural performances, providing a glimpse into Malaysia's rich cultural tapestry. During the launch, Mr. Herman Hardynata Ahmad, Consul General of Malaysia in Karachi, addressed the audience, expressing gratitude to participants, partners, and attendees. He emphasized the significance of the event in strengthening Malaysia-Pakistan relations, stating, "This event is a testament to Malaysia's dedication to deepening our connections with Pakistan, especially in education and tourism. We are proud to present Malaysia as a premier destination for Pakistani students and travelers."

The event attracted a diverse audience, including students, families, travelers, and business professionals, all eager to explore the opportunities Malaysia has to offer. The Consulate General of Malaysia in Karachi extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event and looks forward to organizing future initiatives that further strengthen the bond between Malaysia and Pakistan.—RT

## Police Discover Body Of Officer At Karachi Station; Another Body Found In Sultanabad

KARACHI: The body of a police officer, which had been discovered for three days, was discovered in a barracks at the Nabi Bakhs police station in Karachi. The deceased has been identified as 50-year-old Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Ghulam Sarwar. According to police officials, ASI Sarwar, who was part of the Investigation branch, was found dead in a barracks located on the second floor of the station. The body has been transferred to a civil hospital for further examination and legal procedures.

## REGIONAL TIMES NATIONAL

## Pakistani Government Enforces Essential Services Act In DISCOs To Curb Protests

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani government has implemented the Essential Services Act across DISCOs, NTDC, and GENCOs to prevent expected protests against the privatization of these state-owned power companies, media reported on Sunday, quoting sources. According to sources, the Essential Services Act has been enforced for six months in DISCOs, NTDC and GENCOs to prevent employees from going on strikes as the Pakistan government is planning privatization of these loss-making

state-owned entities. The act also places restrictions on union activities within DISCOs, NTDC, and GENCOs, sources added. It is anticipated that unions and employees from DISCOs, NTDC, and GENCOs may stage protests, but any violation of the Essential Services Act will result in strict action, according to sources. On August 2, the federal government okayed the privatization of 13 power distribution companies as the Ministry of Energy unveiled a plan to privatise these entities in phases. According to the notification, the Ministry of Energy has also issued directives for the privatization of 12 organizations in the power sector. The privatization process will be carried out in phases, with the first phase involving the privatization of four DISCOs. The four power companies include FESCO, GEPCO, HESCO, and IESCO. The second phase will include the privatization of MEPCO, PESCO, and other companies, as per the notification.—RT/Agency

## Governor Tessori: Democracy In Pakistan Has Grown Stronger

KARACHI: On the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori affirmed that democracy is essential for ensuring the well-being of the people. He emphasized that Parliament is the highest authority and must be respected by all.



Reflecting on the progress of democracy in Pakistan, Tessori remarked that the country's democratic system has become more stable and resilient compared to previous years. He pointed out that embracing modern technologies, including artificial intelligence, could further enhance the democratic process by addressing existing challenges.

Tessori also commended the efforts of all involved in fortifying and maintaining democracy in Pakistan, recognizing their significant contributions to its advancement.—RT/Agency

## Barrister Ali Zafar Accuses Government Of Trying To 'Restrict' Judiciary

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Barrister Ali Zafar said on Sunday that the incumbent government wanted to "contain" the judiciary. Expressing his thoughts, Zafar said: "We [PTI] will fight our war inside and outside of the parliament. Bringing the constitutional amendment into the darkness will be the attack on the democracy."

"The Supreme Court emphasised that the vote of the PTI lawmakers will not be considered. The PTI lawmakers will not go to cast their votes in the Senate," Zafar maintained. Few days back, Zafar said that the apology was "not good enough" for his party leaders' arrest. Expressing his thoughts during the Senate session, Zafar said: "The premier or interior minister will have to tender the resignation. If you will not do this, then it will be up to your conscience." "The arrest of the lawmakers from the Parliament House is condemnable," said Zafar.—RT/Agency

## Sanjrani Promises 'Positive Developments' For Government And Public

ISLAMABAD: Former Senate chairman Sadiq Sanjrani said on Sunday that the government and nation will get "good news". Expressing his thoughts, Sanjrani said: "The government has informed us about the key clauses in line with the constitutional amendment bill. We will make the decision after the special committee meeting. "It is premature to say anything about the matter,"

he said. Separately, Pakistan People's Party (PPP) senior leader Syed Khurshid Shah said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) needs to change the "attitude in line with the constitutional package." Expressing his thoughts, Shah said: "Whatever step we will take, it will be meant for the betterment of the institutions and the country." "We will look forward to addressing the problems in a pleasant way. We will take Fazlur Rehman on board on every matter," said Shah. He maintained: "We will look to ensure that all the parties will come on one page."—RT/Agency

