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## Bilawal Meets Fazl Again For Ongoing Constitutional Amendment Talks

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, accompanied by a delegation, arrived at Islamabad (JUI-F) leader Maulana Fazlur Rehman for a second meeting within hours on Monday.

The meeting is part of ongoing discussions over proposed constitutional amendments.

According to media, Bilawal was warmly received by Maulana Fazlur Rehman. The PPP delegation included prominent leaders such as Syed Khurshid Shah, Engineer Naveed Qamar, and Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab.

On the JUI-F side, Secretary General Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Maulana Abdul Wasay, Maulana Asad Mahmood, Senator Kamran Murtaza, Mir Usman Badini, and Maulana Misbahuddin were present.

Earlier in the day, Bilawal had a significant meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the Prime Minister's House, where the two leaders discussed the political situation and the PPP chairman briefed the premier on his discussions with Maulana Fazlur Rehman regarding the constitutional amendments.

The government is preparing to present the much-anticipated constitutional amendments in the next National Assembly session.

Senator Irfan Siddiqui,



leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in the Senate and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, confirmed that a detailed briefing had been given during a three-hour committee meeting earlier in the day.

Senator Siddiqui mentioned that Maulana Fazlur Rehman did not fundamentally oppose the amendments but had requested more time and assurances regarding the vote count.

"There is no issue with the number game, as the required votes are already in place," Irfan Siddiqui stated. He further clarified that both houses of parliament are expected to adjourn indefinitely later today, with the new session introducing the constitutional amendments once consensus is reached within the committee.

The proposed amendments have created a political standoff between the ruling coalition led by PML-N and JUI-F, with the latter seeking

more clarity before moving forward.

The delay in presenting the amendments reflects the government's efforts to ensure political leaders' agreement before advancing the legislative process. Maulana Fazlur Rehman's stance, while cooperative, underscored the importance of a unified approach to passing the amendments.

In the midst of this, the role of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has also been under scrutiny, with Senator Siddiqui highlighting that PTI members lack the authority to offer guarantees on the issue. This reflects the internal challenges the party is currently facing.

As the ruling coalition continues its consultations, both the PPP and JUI-F play crucial roles in shaping the future of the constitutional amendments, which are expected to bring significant changes to the political landscape.—RT/Agency

## PML-N Announces Indefinite Delay In Constitutional Amendment Discussions Ahead Of NA Session

ISLAMABAD: As the ruling alliance is still busy with making all-out efforts to forge consensus on the much-disputed constitutional amendments, Senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Senator Irfan Siddiqui has claimed that the government's bid to table the constitutional package has been "postponed indefinitely".

Speaking to media on Monday, the PML-N parliamentarian revealed that the JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's "arguments were well-justified" and didn't oppose the amendments on principle grounds. However, Siddiqui said Fazl needed more time to review the amendment draft.

"Fazl agrees on certain amendments but needs time to study details of some provisions," he added.

The development comes after the government apparently failed to woo the JUI-F chief to lend his support for the prospective constitutional



tweaks after several meetings with him wherein the politico opposed the proposal to extend judges' tenure or increase their retirement age.

Several political leaders, including federal ministers and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, as well as a delegation of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) held meetings with Maulana Fazl on Sunday.

The political saga continued late at night with former prime minister and Convener of the recently established Awami Pakistan party

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and party's secretary Miftah Ismail also visiting Fazl's residence. Furthermore, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti, Senator and former caretaker PM Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar also called on the politician.

It is pertinent to know that a key aspect of the constitutional amendments is that, unlike any other legislation, the government will need to secure a two-thirds majority in parliament to successfully execute it.

In the National Assembly, the ruling coalition needs 224

votes to pass the constitutional amendments, whereas in the Senate the number stands at 64.

Currently, as per reports, treasury benches have 211 members against the opposition's 101 MNAs meaning that the government needs 13 more votes to pass the said constitutional amendment.

The ruling coalition comprises the PML-N (110); the PPP (68); Muttahida Quami Movement-Pakistan (22); Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (four); Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (four); Pakistan Muslim League-Zia (one); Awami National Party (one) and Balochistan Awami Party (one).

Meanwhile, the opposition comprises 80 MNAs of the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) which are supported by PTI-backed independent lawmakers. The JUI-F has eight members in the NA, whereas Balochistan National Party, Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) and Majlis-e-Walidat-Muslimin (MWM)

have one MNA each in the NA.

Therefore the support of the JUI-F and its eight MNAs holds key importance for the future of the prospective amendments.

The ruling benches of the Senate, as per the publication, comprise PPP (24), PML-N (19), BAP (4) and MQM-P(3) in addition to four independent senators.

The total strength of the ruling benches stands at 54 as the government is short of nine votes in the Senate to pass the constitutional amendment. As for the opposition benches in the Senate, PTI holds 17 seats, JUI-F (5) and ANP (3), while SIC, MWM, BNP, National Party and PML-Q have one seat each. Meanwhile, the total strength of the ruling benches stands at 54 and the government is short of nine votes in the Senate to pass the constitutional amendment, whereas the opposition has 39 senators in the upper house.—RT/Agency

## SC Urges Media To Implement Self-Accountability Mechanisms Following Vawda And Kamal Press Conferences

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has called on media organisations to establish internal mechanisms for self-accountability, stating that such measures would enhance their credibility and effectiveness in exposing wrongdoing.

"If within the respective press/media organisations a mechanism for self-accountability is developed, it will improve their standing, credibility and resultantly become more effective in drawing attention to wrongdoing, and thus help in stemming it," Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa wrote in a five-page order issued on Monday.

The statement was part of a ruling accepting the unconditional apology of several TV channels involved in a contempt case.

The case stemmed from the airing of a press confer-



ence by Senator Faisal Vawda and MQM-P MNA Mustafa Kamal, during which the politicians made remarks against superior court judges.

A four-judge bench led by Chief Justice Isa emphasised that while Article 19 of the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press, this right is not without limitations. The court noted that the freedom of the press is subject to restrictions, including the preservation of decency and

morality. "Another fundamental right is provided in Article 14 of the Constitution which requires that the dignity of man is to be ensured. The media is categorised as the fourth pillar of the state and an independent media broadcasting facts and the truth is essential for democratic rule as it highlights wrongdoing. However, its credibility and effectiveness is undermined when falsehoods are broadcast," the order stated.—RT/Agency

## Barrister Gohar Dismisses Leaked Draft Of Constitutional Amendments



ISLAMABAD: PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has expressed strong opposition to the recently leaked draft of the constitutional amendment, stating that it is unacceptable.

Speaking to the media outside the Islamabad High Court, Barrister Gohar Ali Khan criticised the lack of transparency regarding the draft.

"He revealed that his party had not been given access to the draft and had requested a copy for review."

He condemned the leaked draft, asserting that no one could agree with its provisions. "The draft allows for the

transfer of judges against their will, meaning judges could be transferred at any time, and if a judge refuses, they could be forced to resign. This would impose severe restrictions on the judiciary," he said.

Barrister Gohar also raised concerns about the removal of powers from the Supreme Court, questioning how parallel courts would operate.

He emphasised that all political parties should have been consulted on the constitutional amendments and questioned how consensus could be achieved without a draft being presented on table.—RT/Agency

## Imran Claims Constitutional Amendments Are Intended Solely To Keep Him Imprisoned

ISLAMABAD: Imran Khan, founding leader of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), has condemned the anticipated constitutional changes.

During an informal conversation with journalists at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail, Imran claimed the government was pursuing the establishment of a new constitutional court out of fear of the Supreme Court.

He further claimed that the recent amendments are designed to keep him in prison and to dismantle the judiciary, Express News reported.

"The rulers have decided to destroy the judiciary," Imran said. "All this is being done to cover up election fraud and protect their corruption."

Imran criticised the amendments to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) laws, claiming they were used to forgive billions in corruption.

He argued that the government's actions threaten the rule of law and increase



political instability through threats to judges and the elimination of political opposition.

Highlighting economic concerns, he noted that 4,000 Pakistani companies have been registered in Dubai during the past six months.

He attributed the country's inflation to government reliance on loans and highlighted that the elite, with assets abroad, are indifferent to the financial plight of ordinary citizens.

The PTI Founder also

pointed out that Mohsin Naqvi's wife's \$500 million property was revealed in the Dubai Leaks, and further claimed that those behind the amendments have 'hidden wealth abroad.'

Announcing a peaceful protest in Lahore, he called on the public to defend their rights and the judiciary by protesting on September 21.

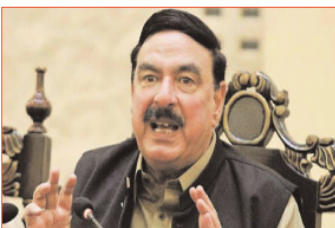
"This is a matter of our country's future," Imran declared. "We will not remain silent and will protest vigorously."—RT/Agency

## Sheikh Rashid: Fazl Has Won Initial Round Of Debate On Constitutional Amendment Draft

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League chief and former federal minister Sheikh Rashid claims that Maulana Fazlur Rehman has won the first round of the constitutional amendment draft debate.

In a statement, Sheikh Rashid said those who had championed the "Vote ko Izzat Do" slogan had themselves undermined the value of votes.

He questioned that with no one possessing a copy of the constitutional amendment draft, how could they expect



to earn the public's trust.

He also noted that democracy had consistently been sabotaged under the cover of dark-

ness Sheikh Rashid expressed hope that the political turmoil in the country would reach a decisive resolution by Sept 30.—RT/Agency

## Gunvor Group Chairman And Total Energies VP Meet PM To Discuss Petroleum Sector Investments



ISLAMABAD: Gunvor Group Chairman Torbjorn Tomqvist and Vice President Oceania & Southeast Asia Total Energies Mehmet Celoglu Monday called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and discussed potential investment in Pakistan's energy sector.

During the meeting, the prime minister highlighted that after attaining stability, the country's economy was now moving on the path of

growth and development. He said rapid reforms were underway to increase the investment to business activities, and economic policies were yielding positive results. He emphasized that the government was removing all the barriers for foreign investment in Pakistan.

Chairman Torbjorn Tomqvist expressed the Gunvor Group's keen interest in investment in the petroleum sector of Pakistan.—RT/Agency

## Khawaja Asif Defends Constitutional Amendment As A Measure To Alleviate Judicial Burden

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence Khawaja Asif asserted that a potential constitutional amendment aimed at easing the burden on the judiciary.

Addressing the National Assembly session, he stated that parliament was representative of 250 million people and it's their responsibility to uplift this institution according to the constitution. He said that legislation and protection of the constitution was the collective responsibility.

Khawaja Asif highlighted that more than 2.7 million cases were pending in the courts and this amendment aimed to ease the burden on judiciary.

The PML-N leader asked how the resolution of pending cases and making the common man's life easy could benefit political interests? Asif said that this amend-



ment was not to strengthen any party but to strengthen this institution and this constitutional court would be property of the judiciary.

Democracy was signed by Mian Nawaz Sharif and Benazir Bhutto in 2006 and later on other parties also signed it. There was no politics on amendment and its part of the Charter of Democracy. "There are two drafts circulating on the bill in the media. When a consensus

reaches on the draft then it will be tabled in the house."

He emphasised that these drafts meant to correct the constitutional imbalance and consensus of the whole house was needed on it. These documents included suggestions related to the formation of a constitutional court. The constitutional court wouldn't weaken Parliament as most of the democratic states have constitutional courts," Defence minister highlighted.—RT/Agency

# THE HEARTLAND



**NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD:** People in a large number are attending an Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) celebration organized by Dr Shafiq Arain and his brothers in village Muhammad Sharif Arain.—RT

## DG Zulfiqar Ali Shaikh gets firsthand knowledge about beneficiaries' problems at BISP Centres



**By Khuda Bux Brohi**  
THATTA: During a surprise inspection of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) distribution camps in Makli, Thatta, Zulfiqar Ali Shaikh, Director General of BISP Sindh, exposed illegal deductions by device holders. These agents fled the scene upon his arrival to avoid punishment. The visit was prompted by complaints from the public, alleging that certain agents were unfairly deducting money from payments intended for eligible women. Mr. Shaikh emphasized that his visit aimed to ensure transparency and that beneficiaries receive the full amount of Rs 10,500. He immediately contacted the bank administration and ordered the device holders to return and continue disbursements under his supervision. Addressing the media, Mr. Shaikh warned that anyone involved in illegal deductions would be blacklisted, with strict action taken against them. He revealed that staff implicated in similar misconduct across other locations had already been suspended, and investigations were ongoing to address complaints. Director BISP Thatta Zulfiqar Ali Bro, Assistant Director Zia Qazi, and District Information Officer Mahtooz Ali Soomro were also present during the visit.



**NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD:** Leaders and members of the Jamaat Ahle Sunnat are taking out a rally to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW).—RT

## MPA Mir Nadir Magsi approves funds for Shahdadtot's development

**SHAHDAKOT:** In various wards of Shahdadtot City, including Wards-2 and 3, as well as different neighborhoods, work on drainage systems, sewer lines, paver blocks, roads, and unpaved streets is progressing rapidly. These development schemes were approved through the funds provided by PPP leaders, particularly the youth-friendly PPP councilors and senior PPP leader and MPA Mir Nadir Ali Khan Magsi. These schemes were initiated by PPP councilors Tariq Hussain Brohi, Saddam Hussain Lashari, PPP leader Sardar Ali Brohi, and others in collaboration with MPA Mir Nadir Ali Khan Magsi. The neighborhoods benefiting from these projects include Badshah Colony, Allahabad, Saifullah Colony, Baqirabad, Mastoi Paro, Hisrani Muhalla and Shambozai Muhalla among others.



Meanwhile, PPP leaders Ali Nawaz, Bhao Magsi, Sardar Mengal, and Imdad Mughlani shared that half of the city's development schemes, funded by MPA Mir Nadir Khan Magsi, have been temporarily halted due to the installation of new gas pipelines. They emphasized that these projects will resume to ensure high-quality completion, providing long-term benefits to the public. The PPP leaders further stated that the development projects include sewer lines, drainage systems, roads, and paver blocks, among others. They assured that no irregularities or corrupt practices will be tolerated in the implementation of these schemes, and public funds will be spent solely for the benefit of the people.—RT

## SAU Tando Jam's senior batch holds an awards ceremony

**By Afaq Khanzada**



**TANDO ALLAHYAR:** An award distribution ceremony was organized by the students of the Faculty of Social Sciences Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam, after 28 years with Vice Chancellor Fatah Muhammad Marri of Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam, represents a memorable journey for graduates, and it is essential for students to contribute to the university's development within their respective fields. He highlighted that scholarships for 30 underprivileged students have been provided by the 1989 batch, enabling girls from poor families to pursue education and bring pride to the nation. He also mentioned a policy under which 10% of admissions are reserved on merit for the children of university alumni. Marri acknowledged the challenges of running institutions and providing education in an era where the government is reducing budgets, especially in the face of rising inflation. He further explained that the Agricultural College was first established in 1904 in Mirpurkhas, moved to Sakrand in 1938, and finally relocated to Tando Jam in 1953. In 1970, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto upgraded this agricultural college to university status. Since then, Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam, has produced countless educated youths contributing to the country's development. Prominent landowner and lawyer Zulqarnain Khokhar also addressed the audience, sharing that the Sindh Government's Drip Irrigation Project has significantly benefited landowners by enabling higher crop yields with less water. He urged farmers to adopt modern technology to achieve higher production with lower costs. The award distribution ceremony was seen as a positive tradition, and various graduates from different departments received awards. Vice-Chancellor Fatah Muhammad Marri, on behalf of Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam, distributed awards to Professor Dr. Tameena Mustafa, Zulqarnain Khokhar, Dr. Ijaz Ali, Riaz Umran, Hafiz Lal Muhammad Tunio, Muhammad Khan Rind, Manzoor Ahmed Lakho, Liaquat Ali Sanjani, Qurban Kunhar, Abdul Hameed Soomro, Latif Mansoor Shaikh, Abdul Malik Tunio, Dilshad Memon, Ehsan Haq and others.

## Dawat-e-Islami celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) at Mirpurkhas Press Club



**MIRPURKHAS:** In celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW), a gathering for Zikr-o-Naat was held at the Mirpurkhas Press Club Hall, organized by Dawat-e-Islami's Media Department and Mirpurkhas Press Club. The event was attended by a large number of participants, including Divisional Commissioner Mirpurkhas Faisal Ahmed Uqaili, Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan, Mayor Abdul Rauf Ghouri, Shura member of Dawat-e-Islami Haji Ferooz Jilani, Hafiz Muhammad Zain Attari, Syed Kamran Attari, Ahmad Saeed Qaimkhani, President of Mirpurkhas Press Club Nazir Panhwar, Vice President Azhar Karim Jilani, General Secretary Aatif Baloch, Shaikat Panhwar, Waheed Hussain Pehlvani, Shahid Khaskheli, Anjad Kazmi, Shehzad Khan, Aziz Khan, Bilal Mahmood, and other members and lovers of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). At the event, the Commissioner emphasized Mirpurkhas's unique identity in religious harmony and encouraged everyone to lead their lives in accordance with the Sunnah and teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) to achieve success in this world and the hereafter. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan congratulated everyone on Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) and highlighted that the life of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) serves as an example for all. He also mentioned that the district administration has taken measures to ensure cleanliness along the routes of processions and rallies, ensuring a better celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW). Mayor Abdul Rauf Ghouri announced that the birth of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) would be celebrated with great enthusiasm and that the Municipal Corporation would ensure the illumination and cleanliness of major city streets. Later, a cake was cut to celebrate the 24th anniversary of ARY Digital News, led by the channel's representative Aslam Rajput.

**By Narain Das**  
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## Mirpurkhas transporter Muhammad Asif Arain demands protection, justice



**MIRPURKHAS:** In a press conference held at the press club, Muhammad Asif Arain condemned an incident where his passenger coach, traveling from Kunri to Karachi and back, was stopped by armed individuals within the jurisdiction of Mirpurkhas Old Police Station. He stated that despite having legal permits, his vehicle was halted, and passengers were forcibly disembarked and humiliated. He revealed that he received a phone call demanding extortion of 1 million rupees, with the threat that if the payment was not made, his vehicles would be prevented from operating and even set on fire. Asif Arain expressed concern that the peace of Mirpurkhas city is once again at risk, and transporters are feeling unsafe. During the press conference, he added that his vehicles have been operating on the same route for the past thirty years, and such an atrocity has never occurred before. He appealed to DIG Mirpurkhas and SSP Mirpurkhas for help, demanding legal action and strict punishment against the unidentified armed individuals. He also mentioned that both he and his staff fear for their lives due to these extortionists and requested immediate protection from these criminal elements.

## Mirpurkhas Police arrest Nagji Kolhi's killer

**By Younis Chandio**



**MIRPURKHAS:** In a press conference, SSP Mirpurkhas Captain (Retd) Asad Ali Chaudhry revealed that on August 14, 2024, an unidentified body was found within the jurisdiction of the Taluka Police Station. The deceased was later identified as Nagji Kolhi, aged 55. The perpetrator had brutally murdered Nagji Kolhi by striking him with a hammer, obliterating all evidence before fleeing the scene. A case, numbered 76/2024 under Section 302 of the Pakistan Penal Code, was registered at the Taluka Police Station and an investigation was launched. SSP Chaudhry explained that under his direction, a special team was formed led by In-Charge CIA Inayat Ali Zardari. The team included Inspector Gulham Hussain Sidhu, In-Charge DIC, along with SIP Hidayatullah and In-Charge DIB Danish Ahmed Bhatti. The special investigative team, working in close collaboration with the SHO of Taluka Police Station, conducted a thorough and professional investigation. They arrested the suspect, Govind son of Dharshi, who confessed during interrogation that he had lured the victim on August 13, 2024, to an isolated area near Abdeen Petrol Pump and the brick kiln where he killed him covered with a hammer. The suspect had concealed his identification card and other crucial evidence while fleeing, which was later recovered. The suspect cited issues related to black magic and financial disputes as motives for the crime. The motorcycle used in the crime, the hammer, and other evidence have been recovered. SSP Chaudhry announced that commendation certificates would be awarded to the team for their excellent performance in solving the case.

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**TALHAR:** The Security and Safety Committee Incharge of the Islamii Community in Talhar, Ismail Khawaja is presenting a traditional gift of an Ajrak to a Member of the Islamii National Council Sindh.—RT

## Dokri's civil society condemns increase in social crimes

**By Irfan Morio**

**DOKRI:** In Dokri, gambling dens have started operating openly under police protection. The existence of these dens has led to frequent brawls, with thefts and robberies becoming a daily occurrence. Local residents are mired in difficulties, and the police have appointed extortionists to manage the residents instead of closing down the gambling and drug dens. The rise of these illegal activities has severely impacted the youth, leading to their ruin. Local residents, including Rehan Ahmed, Abid Ali, and Ahsan Ali, have reported that gambling and drug dens are functioning openly in the heart of the city. They expressed concern that the youth are being destroyed as they lose money to gambling, leading to increased thefts and robberies in the city. The residents have demanded the immediate closure of gambling and drug dens, warning that they will resort to further protests if their demands are not met.



**LARKANA:** Founder of Knowledge Centre Prof. Mukhtiar Samo along with Principal Prof. Samina Naz Abro and Sufi Ayub GaoF are presenting gifts to the student participants of Jashn-e-Latif at the Begum Nusrat Bhutto Government Girls Degree College.—Photo By Nadeem Soomro

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ISLAMABAD: Muhammad Ramzan Chhipa is planting a tree sapling at the Faisal Mosque in Islamabad.—RT

**Romina: Pakistan Dedicated To Safeguarding Ozone Layer For Human And Environmental Well-being**



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam said that Pakistan has demonstrated a strong commitment and played its role as a part of global efforts to protect the ozone layer through its participation in international agreements, implementation of national policies, and collaboration with global partners.

The country's efforts in phase-out initiatives under the Montreal protocol to restore and preserve the ozone layer for future generations has been globally recognised and presented as a case study, the PM's climate aide highlighted while addressing as chief guest at the national experts' dialogue regarding the World Ozone Day 2024 held here on Monday in the climate change & environmental coordination ministry.

On the occasion of World Ozone Day 2024 being marked today globally under the theme "Ozone for Life: Solutions for a Warming Planet", she reaffirmed the present government's dedication to preserving the ozone layer and combating climate change.—RT/Agency

**SOUTHERN PUNJAB**

**RPO Gujranwala Tayab Hafeez Cheema reviews security measures for Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)**



By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: The Regional Police Officer (RPO) Gujranwala, Tayab Hafeez Cheema held a video-link meeting with all Chief Police Officers (CPOs) and District Police Officers (DPOs) in the region to discuss security arrangements for Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW). The primary focus of the meeting was to ensure foolproof security arrangements and finalize the plans for the occasion. RPO Cheema emphasized that protecting the public's life and property is the top priority. He reiterated the commitment to maintaining peace and order throughout the region, as done in previous years during Rabi-ul-Awal. During the meeting, each DPO briefed the RPO on the security measures in their respective districts. RPO Cheema highlighted that the Inspector General of Police Punjab has issued clear instructions for comprehensive security measures during Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW). In line with these directives, arrangements have been finalized. The Gujranwala Police Region has issued a security plan for the celebrations of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW). According to the plan, over 6,000 police officers and volunteers will be deployed to manage security for the Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) gatherings and processions. A total of 478 processions and 68 gatherings will be held across the region. RPO Cheema stressed that the entire human race celebrates the birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAWW). He expressed confidence that with the cooperation of the police, administration, and procession organizers, the celebration will be peaceful. For enhanced security, walkthrough gates, metal detectors, CCTV cameras, and other security equipment have been arranged. All processions, gatherings, and rallies will be closely monitored to ensure safety and security.

**Maryam Inaugurates Free Pediatric Heart Surgery Program**

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Monday officially launched "Chief Minister's Children's Heart Surgery Programme" for the free treatment and surgery of children with heart disease, during her visit to Lahore's Children's Hospital Cardiac Surgery Ward.

She distributed "Child Surgery Cards" among the deserving patients under the Programme.

"The operation of a sick child will be done in a private hospital if there is no place in the government hospitals," she said.

Moreover, she inspected HDU and other departments of the hospital, and reviewed various facilities available in the cardiac surgery ward.

The Punjab CM inquired about the well-being of the young patients, gave them gifts and also played Ludo with them.

She interacted with the children, and prayed: "May Allah grant you health, we all pray for you."

Additionally, she talked to the parents of the sick children, and inquired them about the availability of various facilities.

"It is my mission to free every citizen of Punjab, including children, from the system of queues and waiting," she said, adding: "The number of specialist surgeons and allied staff will be increased to multiply the capacity of pediatric heart surgery in government hospitals."

Furthermore, the Punjab CM said: "In the first phase, pediatric heart surgery facility is being provided in 6 government and designated private hospitals including PIC and Children's Hospital Lahore, Multan's Children's and PIC, and Faisalabad and Rawalpindi Cardiology Institutes." She added: "In the second phase, facilities for pediatric heart surgery will also be provided in the hospitals of Wazirabad, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur and Sargodha."

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**METRO KARACHI**

**Chaudhry Akram Arain, Agha Tariq Pathan host reception for PPP Malir's new office-bearers**

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: A welcome reception was held in Gulshan-e-Hadeed in honor of the newly elected office-bearers of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) District Malir. The event was organized by Chaudhry Akram Arain and former Karachi District Council member Agha Tariq Pathan. The ceremony featured speeches from PPP Malir's newly elected President Baloq Raja Abdul Razaq Baloq, General Secretary Imdad Ali Jokhio, Information Secretary Shahjahan Khan, Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, MPA Muhammad Sajid Jokhio, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister



Sindh Muhammad Saleem Baloq, and Chairman Market Committee Haji Ali Ahmed Jokhio, Haji Manzoor Baloq, Sardar Akhtar Yousif Arfani, Abdul Sattar Butt, and others. Leaders from the Gulshan-e-Hadeed Traders Association presented floral bouquets to the guests. The ceremony was attended by UC Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and PPP UC Presidents, as well as other distinguished guests, leaders, and workers from the region.

**Pakistan-Indonesia Conclude Joint Military Drills In Pabbi**



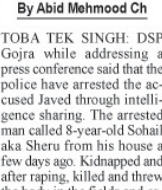
RAWALPINDI: A joint exercise was conducted between Pakistan Army and Indonesian armed forces at National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Pabbi, on Monday.

Exercise Elang Strike-II is second exercise in Counter Terrorism domain between both the countries, said Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a closing ceremony.

The week-long exercise commenced on September 8, 2024. The exercise was aimed at mutually beneficial sharing of experience and training methodology between the two armies, which have strong brotherly relations.

At the closing ceremony, General Officer Commanding 17 Division was the Chief Guest. Colonel Bud Wirman, Defence Attaché of Indonesia also attended the closing ceremony. The troops displayed highest standards of professional excellence during the conduct of exercise.—RT/Agency

**Gojra Police arrest 8-year-old boy's killer**



By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: DSP Gojra while addressing a press conference said that the police have arrested the accused Javed through intelligence sharing. The arrested man called 8-year-old Sohail aka Sheru from his house a few days ago. Kidnapped and after raping, killed and threw the body in the fields and escaped from the scene. The police arrested the accused Javed and during the interrogation he accepted his crime. Sohail was also present during the press conference.

**Seerat-un-Nabi (SAWW) Conference held in Tehsil Gojra**

By Abid Mahmood Ch



TOBA TEK SINGH: On the special instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu, a Seerat-un-Nabi (SAWW) Conference was held in Tehsil Gojra in connection with Rabi-ul-Awal. Assistant Commissioner Gojra Noman Ali Dogar, Chief Officer Municipal Committee Gojra Ishfaq Gondal, tehsil officers, scholars from different schools of thought, traders' association, lawyers, citizens, and a large number of students participated in the event. In their speeches, the Assistant Commissioner and other speakers said that the month of Rabi-ul-Awal is a month of blessings and mercy, and the teachings of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) are of peace, love, brotherhood, patience, tolerance, and forgiveness. Toba Tek Singh district is a cradle of peace, and the scholars play an important role in maintaining law and order in the district. We all must work together to preserve this atmosphere of peace. Like before, the peaceful observance of Rabi-ul-Awal requires the full cooperation of scholars from all schools of thought.

**World Athlon And Pakistan Navy Successfully Host Keep Beach Clean Run 2024**

KARACHI: The Keep Beach Clean Run 2024, organized by World Athlon in partnership with the Pakistan Navy, took place at the Pakistan Naval Academy Outdoor Sports Complex on Manora Drive. The event, spearheaded by Commander Karachi of the Pakistan Navy, was a resounding success, reflecting the Navy's commitment to environmental conservation and community involvement.



Captain Faisal Ahmed Khan PN, Deputy Commandant of the Pakistan Naval Academy, was the Chief Guest, emphasizing the Navy's dedication to preserving the environment. Over 450 runners from various clubs and associations across Karachi and Pakistan participated, uniting to support beach cleanliness and environmental awareness against the stunning Karachi coastline.

10 KM Male Race: Muhammad Irfan (Pakistan Road Runners) - 35:34 (1st place), Shakir Usman (Pakistan Navy) - 36:40 (2nd place), Muhammad Amjad (SVRC) - 37:20 (3rd place), 10 KM Female Race: Mumtaz Niamat (Pakistan Navy) - 49:31 (1st place), Sherrish Khan (Sindh Track and Field) - 53:25 (2nd place), Dua Nazakat (Sindh Track and Field) - 55:32 (3rd place), 5 KM Male Race: Ali Hassan - 17:10 (1st place), Ibrar Hussain (Pakistan Road Runners) - 17:40 (2nd place), Muhammad Zain (Pakistan Road Runners) - 17:50 (3rd place), 5 KM Female Race: Qandeel Sultan (Sindh Track and Field) - 23:23 (1st place), Mahnoor Fatima (Sindh Track and Field) - 24:24 (2nd place).

Humna Anwar (Pakistan Road Runners) - 26:44 (3rd place).

Top finishers in each category received cash prizes and medals. Those placing 4th to 6th were awarded Alkaram Suits, while participants in positions 7th to 10th received Roxen Wear Brand T-shirts. Certificates were presented to the top 10 finishers in each category.

The Keep Beach Clean Run 2024 was celebrated for its success in promoting environmental stewardship through athletics. Organizers expressed deep appreciation to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers for their contributions to the event's success and impact.—RT/Agency

**K-4 Water Project Cost Soars To Rs126 Billion From Initial Rs25 Billion**

KARACHI: The cost of Karachi's K-4 water project has surged to Rs126 billion, a steep rise from the original estimate of Rs25 billion, according to Sindh Minister for Local Bodies, Saeed Ghani, on Monday.

K-4, a joint venture between the provincial and federal governments aimed at enhancing Karachi's water supply, has faced significant cost overruns. Saeed Ghani disclosed the updated figures during a session of the Sindh Assembly.

Initially set for completion in mid-2019, the project is now expected to be finalized by April 2027, Ghani attributed the delays to the previous federal government's decision to halt funding, causing the project's costs to escalate further. He also mentioned plans for an additional canal to be drawn from the Hub Dam.

With the cost now projected to reach Rs150 billion, concerns grow as the value of the Pakistan Rupee continues to decline, potentially driving costs even higher in the future.—RT/Agency

**Sindh Government Removes Deputy Commissioner, SSP, and District Health Officer Jacobabad Over Negligence in Polio Worker Security**

KARACHI: The Sindh Government has taken strict action following the reported negligence in the security and arrangements for polio workers in Jacobabad. As a result, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jacobabad, the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jacobabad, and the District Health Officer (DHO) Jacobabad have been removed from their positions.

In an official notification, the SSP Jacobabad has been directed to report to the Central Police Office (CPO) while the Deputy Commissioner Jacobabad has been instructed to report to the Services, General Administration, and Coordination Department (S&GAD). The District Health Officer has also been relieved of his duties due to the lapse in ensuring the safety of polio workers.

The government remains committed to ensuring the safety of polio workers and will not tolerate any lapses in this regard.—RT

**Four brothers killed in Gujranwala property dispute**

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: In the jurisdiction of Allama Iqbal Town, Rahwali, Gujranwala, a property dispute led to a tragic incident where a man named Abbas, along with hired assassins, entered a house and murdered four brothers. The victims included two real brothers, Hamid and Ahmed, their cousin Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Civil Lines and has directed the SSP to ensure the swift arrest of the culprits. The Regional Police Officer emphasized that the assailants who carried out the shooting must be apprehended promptly and brought to justice, with no leniency tolerated for any shortcomings.

**THE HEARTLAND**

**STP decries deteriorating law and order situation in Matli**

By Nooral Khamisani

MATLI: The Sindh Tarqi-pansad Party has announced a campaign against increasing crime, drug abuse, and theft in Matli city. On September 20, they plan to hold a protest march from the Hyderabad bypass to the main bus stop square in Matli. Local leaders including Muhammad Aslam Mahnoo, Gul Muhammad Shah, Khalid Magis, Gulbahar Solangi, and Zulfiqar Shah, gathered at the Matli Press Club to protest, highlighting the surge in theft, drug-related issues, and general insecurity in the city. They reported that motorbike thefts, shop burglaries, and battery thefts from mosques have become routine. Recent incidents include the armed theft of a motorbike from Shahzad Jagsi, theft of cash from Kashif Jhejo's home, and multiple other thefts. They criticized the ongoing drug trade and criminal activities, and called for a protest march on September 20 to address these issues and demand action.



### A Sham Exercise in Constitutional Amendments

The ongoing chaos surrounding the proposed 26th Constitutional Amendment is yet another stark reminder of how disconnected Pakistan's political elite remains from the plight of the common man. While political leaders jockey for control over judiciary appointments, caretaker prime ministers, and other positions of power, ordinary citizens continue to suffer under the crushing weight of inflation, joblessness, and daily survival.

For a nation where food prices have skyrocketed, and unemployment is rampant, the establishment of a new constitutional court or amendments to floor-crossing laws will do

nothing to alleviate the suffering of the masses. These political maneuvers, largely brokered by the ruling elites in closed-door



meetings, only serve their narrow self-interest. The common citizen, already shackled by economic despair, watches helplessly as the political class further distances itself from the core issues that truly matter—livelihood, security, and dignity.

This constitutional amendment saga, which includes the proposed abolition of the 19th

Amendment and revisions in judicial appointments, is ultimately a power play, ensuring that the influential retain control. The draft, shared only with key political figures like Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, is emblematic of a system where decision-making is monopolized by a select few.

Until the political focus shifts from serving the elite to addressing the everyday hardships faced by millions, these amendments will remain nothing more than a distraction. The common man is left to ask—what real change do these political games bring to my life? The answer, unfortunately, is none.

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LARKANA: Students are presenting a tableau during the Jashn-e-Latif at the Begum Nurat Bhutto Government Girls Degree College.—Photo By Nadeem Soomro

### Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) to be celebrated in Khairpur with religious zeal today

**By Naeem Shaikh**  
 Waheed ur Rehman Qadri, Maulana Asadullah, Ghulam Rasool Sheikh, Zahid Phulphoto, Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Abdul Ghafoor Mughal, Abdul Jabbar Rajput, Nadeem Kamal Shamsi, and others. The Al-Ghousia Scouts and Khairpur Boy Scouts will guide this procession, and it will include participation from Jamaat Ahle Sunnat Pakistan, Qadri Tehreek, Hussaini Tanzeem, Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, Rasool Allah, Tanzeem Haq Char Yar, Anjuman Ghousia, and other organizations. The

### PPP Shaheed Benazirabad's Farhan Ahmed Laghari hosts a reception for Salim Zardari and Syed Ali Haider Shah



By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: The Pakistan People's Party Youth Wing District Shaheed Benazirabad Secretary of Information, Farhan Ahmed Laghari, organized a reception at the Laghari House in honor of the newly appointed office bearers of the district, including District President Salim Khan Zardari and General Secretary Syed Ali Haider Shah. The reception was attended by Sherbaz Mari, In-Charge of Zardari House Nawabshah, District Youth President Asad Zardari, and Information Secretary Rashid Chandio, who were each presented with traditional shawls by the host, Farhan Laghari. During the reception, District President Salim Khan Zardari and General Secretary Ali Haider Shah expressed their gratitude to Farhan Laghari for the warm welcome. Other attendees at the reception included Sher Muhammad Lakho Mir, Farooq Ahmed Laghari, Kamran Baloch, Masroor Laghari, Sher Zaman Lakho Mir, Sher Muhammad, Sajid Babar, Wasim Laghari, Aamer Laghari, Ilyar Koker, Gulshan Lakho, and Faqeer Wazir Laghari.

### DIG Pir Muhammad Shah visits Jacobabad to inquire about raped polio worker

**By Hashim Brohi**  
 JACOBABAD: Inspector General (IG) of Sindh, Ghulam Nabi Memon, has taken notice of the gang rape case involving a polio worker in Jacobabad and has ordered DIG Sukkur, Pir Muhammad Shah, to investigate the matter. Following the IG's orders, DIG Pir Muhammad Shah visited Jacobabad and met with police officials and the victim at the SSP office to gather further details about the incident. While speaking to journalists, DIG Pir Muhammad Shah stated that he had arrived in Jacobabad to investigate the case as per the IG's instructions. He had met with police officers, the victim, and her family to obtain further details. The victim expressed concerns for her life, particularly from her in-laws. Arrangements will be made to present the woman in court, where guarantees of her protection from her husband and in-laws will be submitted. The DIG also noted that the victim did not initially disclose the assault but later confirmed it in court. He emphasized that if any police or health department official is found to have influenced the victim's change of statement, strict action will be taken against them.

### HEC's Inspection Team evaluates Shaheed Benazir Bhattu University SBD



By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: Shaheed Benazir Bhattu University, Shaheed Benazirabad, hosted a high-level inspection team led by Professor Dr. Noshad Ahmed Shaikh, Chairman of the Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee of the Higher Education Commission (HEC). The delegation, consisting of 25 officers, arrived at the university to conduct a comprehensive evaluation. The meeting saw participation from various Vice Chancellors, including Professor Dr. Tayyaba Zareef, Professor Dr. Taha Hussain, and Professor Dr. Saleem Raza Samo. Some Vice Chancellors, such as Professor Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Professor Dr. Engineer Samreen Hussain, and Professor Dr. Gulshan Ali Memon, joined the meeting online, along with Secretary HEC, Moimuddin Siddiqui. Experts in various subjects also conducted inspections of different university departments. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Madad Ali Shah. During the visit, Dr. Ashiq Hussain Jatoi, Director of the University's Quality Enhancement Cell, briefed the delegation on various university programs. The committee asked questions on finance, human resources, affiliated colleges, student admissions, and future rev-

### Annual prize distribution ceremony held at Al-Huda Public School in Badin



By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The annual prize distribution ceremony of Al-Huda Public School, a well-known educational institution of Badin, was held in which a large number of children, their parents, teachers, academic literary figures, well-known people of the city and journalists participated. Speaking on this occasion, removed academic and literary personalities including Prof. Dr. Tufail Ahmed Chandio, former District Ed-

### Thatta villagers record protest after owner of a stone-crushing plant registers a case against them



By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: A large number of villagers, supported by activists from political and nationalist parties, staged a sit-in on the National Highway connecting Thatta and Hyderabad at Chhutto Chand, a commercial hub, on Sunday. The protest was sparked after over 50 known and 400 unidentified villagers were implicated in an Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) case, allegedly filed by the owner of a stone-crushing plant. The villagers had earlier expressed their dissatisfaction with the stone-crushing operations in their area, which led to a protest. The plant owner accused the protesters of looting valuables and launching an attack, resulting in the registration of the ATC case. However, the villagers have denied any involvement in such activities. Led by Rasool Bux Jakhro, Syed Jalal Shah, and other notable figures the protesters blocked the road for four hours and caused vehicular traffic suspension. The protest concluded after the arrival of the DSP of police headquarters, who assured the demonstrators that their grievances would be addressed. Despite this, the villagers have warned of escalating their protest if the cases against them are not withdrawn.

### Thul residents apprehend man for attempting to kidnap a minor girl

**By Khair Muhammad Golo**  
 THUL: In the jurisdiction of Thul's A-Section Police Station, in the locality of Soomro Muhalla, a distressing incident occurred where the accused, Yasin Sabayo, attempted to abduct an 8-year-old innocent girl, Khush Bakht Soomro. The girl's cries drew the attention of local residents who quickly gathered, apprehended Yasin Sabayo, and handed him over to the police after giving him a beating. Khush Bakht Soomro, who narrowly escaped the abduction, recounted that she was returning home from a Milad (religious gathering), Yasin Sabayo approached her and tried to forcibly take her away. Her uncle, Muhammad Alam Soomro, revealed that Yasin Sabayo had previously harassed his niece and attempted another abduction today. The police have confirmed the arrest of Yasin Sabayo and stated that a case will be filed against him.

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## Anjuman Ghulaman-e-Qalandar celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) in JNA

By Hakim Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: A special event was held in the village Rustam Buledi to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) with a program dedicated to sending Darood Pak upon the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) by Anjuman Ghulaman-e-Qalandar Welfare Sindh Pakistan. The gathering was addressed by the leader of the organization, Syed Ghulam Haider Shah Qalandar, who said that the true purpose of celebrating the Milad of Mustafa (SAWW) is to promote the teachings of the Holy



Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). The Mehfil-e-Milad was attended by Muhammad Ibrahim Halipoto, Rustam Buledi, Haji Nazir Ahmed Katohar, Ali Sher Hingomo, Muhammad Siddique Buledi, Secretary Hazoor Bakhsh Shar, Din Muhammad Mahar, Moulana Bakhsh Buledi and many others who are lovers of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) and followers of the Qalandar tradition.

## Umerkot Police arrest two moonshiners



By Muhammad Bachal  
UMERKOT: Under the orders of SSP Umerkot Asif Raza Baloch, ongoing operations against drugs, Gutka and local liquor are being conducted throughout the district. According to the details, Samaro Police conducted a raid in a local liquor factory and arrested the suspect, Sikandar Machhi. They seized 65 liters of local liquor. Case No. 90/2024 was registered under Section 3/4 of the Prohibition Ordinance. Nabisar Police conducted a raid and arrested the suspect, Khaman Bheel. During the operation, 125 liters of local liquor were seized. Case No. 44/2024 was registered under Section 3/4 of the Prohibition Ordinance.

## Fair distribution of stipends continues at BISP Centre in Sinjhor

By Khadim Khaskheli

SANGHAR: Under the supervision of Assistant Director Faisal Majeed Gujar, the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) center established in Sanghar is providing funds to women without any deductions in a highly peaceful manner. The center is guarded by a large number of police personnel, including female officers, who ensure that women are lined up properly to receive



their payments. Assistant Director Faisal Majeed Gujar is present at the center from morning until evening, overseeing the process personally. He ensures that elderly and disabled women receive their payments under his direct supervision. Additionally, local social organizations, including the Citizens' Alliance, journalists, and officials such as Taluka Mukhtiar Kar Sinjhor Amjad Saeed Dahri, have visited the center. They have praised the effective management of the funds distribution and the performance of Assistant Director Faisal Majeed Gujar.

## Johi's youths protest against SPSC

By Roshan Memon

JOHI: The local youths of Johi including Ali Hassan Khoso, Sarfraz Khoso, Kashif Panhwar, Altaf Khaskheli, Afaq Chandio, and others have led a demonstration against the SPSC, alleging that Muhammad Hassan Khoso, despite passing the lecturer test three times, was intentionally failed in the interviews due to his socio-economic status. The protesters gathered outside the National Press Club Johi, holding banners and placards. They claim that Muhammad Hassan Khoso after successfully passing the lecturer test three times,



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## Culture Dept to organize Aijaz Shah Rashdi Conference on Oct 25

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: The decision to officially recognize the poetry of Syed Aijaz Shah Rashdi and hold a conference in his name has been made. A meeting at the "Shah Aijaz Public Library" was held to discuss this matter, with the participation of Syed Aijaz Shah Rashdi's children Syed Sajjad Rasool Shah Rashdi, Syed Ashraf Shah Rashdi along with the Secretary of the Sindh Adabi Sangat Karachi, Rashid Lakho, a representative from the Department of Culture, Muhammad Saleh Latifi, Secretary of SAS, Manik



Mallah, senior journalist Qazi Javed Nadeem and others. It was decided after discussions that the Sindh Government's Department of Culture will organize the "Aijaz Shah Rashdi Conference" on October 25. The conference will include Sindh's writers, poets, singers, and folk artists. Syed Sajjad Rasool Shah Rashdi expressed gratitude to Muhammad Saleh Keerio Latifi for his efforts in securing approval from the Department of Culture to hold the conference in honor of his father, Syed Aijaz Shah Rashdi.

## Protest continues for arrest of Javed Bhutto's murderers in Hingorja

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: In Hingorja, despite the passage of four months since the murder of shopkeeper Javed Bhutto, the police have yet to apprehend the culprits. In response, the victims' families and civil society have staged a protest and sit-in, marking the 38th day of a hunger strike. The protest, led by Manzoor Bhutto, Parvez Bhutto, Ayaz Bhutto, and Muzaffar Bhutto, was organized by citizens, civil society, the Bhutto community, and nationalist activists. They are demanding the arrest of



Javed Bhutto's killers, accusing the police of inaction. The protesters claimed that despite repeated visits to the offices of the DIG Sukkur and SSP Khaipur, they have only received false assurances. They have been on a hunger strike for 38 days, calling for justice and threatening a complete shutdown under the banner of the city if their demands are not met.

## Sunni Rabta Council celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: A jubilation rally was organized by the Sunni Rabta Committee and led by the president of Taluka Kordij, Molvi Muhammad Ismail Brohi, Syed Parayal Shah, and other scholars. The rally started from the village of Daleel Brohi and continued up to Kumb, with hundreds of devotees participating. During the event, speakers emphasized their profound love for the final Prophet Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (SAWW). They stated that their participation was driven by a deep affection for the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and adherence to his teachings and life. The commitment of the attendees



was clear as long as the Holy Prophet (SAWW) will remain exalted. The world exists, the name of the

## Thul Police rescue woman from being killed over Kari

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A woman named Rabia Sarki, who resides on Station Road in Thul, was allegedly locked in a room by her husband, Farooq Sarki, who attempted to kill her over the allega-

tion of Kari. Upon receiving the report, the police arrived at the scene and managed to rescue Rabia Sarki, preventing her from being killed. She was then transferred to the A-Section police station in Thul. However, the police have not yet been able to arrest the accused. Rabia Sarki stated that her husband attempted to kill her by leveling baseless allegations of Kari on her. According to the police, the woman will be presented in court.

## Youth shot and injured in Larkana's Jatoi community clash

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Near Larkana, in the village of Pir Sher within the jurisdiction of the Aqil Police Station, a longstanding feud between two factions of the Jatoi community resulted in gunmen opening fire. The shooting left 28-year-old

## AKF Women's Wing distributes relief items amongst Badin's rain affectees

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Al-Khidmat Foundation Women's Wing distributed rations and essential items amongst the families affected in the recent rains in Tando Aago, Matli, Shadi Large, and other towns. The distribution ceremony was held in a hall of Badin. District Ameer Syed Ali Mardan Shah Gilani Al-Khidmat Foundation President Ghulam Rasool Ahmadani said in his speech that distribution of relief goods to the rain-affected people is going on. He said that when the election comes, political parties and personalities come to the public and spend crores of rupees, but when disaster strikes, they all disappear.

## Chairman Haji Khan Mahar chairs meeting of District Council Ghotki



By Shad Mahar  
GHOTKI: A meeting of district council members and union council members from Ghotki was held at the Gohar Palace in Khanpur. The meeting was chaired by PPP leader and former District Council Chairman Haji Khan Mahar. The gathering included district council members Ali Dino Khan Mahar, Nazim Mahar, Anwar Ali Gabol, Ghaus Bux Mahar, and others, who participated in significant numbers. During the meeting, Haji Khan Mahar collected information from the members about the current situation and discussed issues and possible solutions. The members provided updates on ongoing development work in villages and highlighted various issues. Haji Khan Mahar issued instructions to the members to use the union council budgets fairly and prioritize solving public issues.

## Disabled Phalkara man demands justice

By Nooral Khamisani

MATLI: In a press conference at the press club, residents of Phalkara city and disabled youth Rajib Laghari protested against the failure to arrest the suspects who allegedly attacked and injured him. Rajib Laghari claimed that three suspects from his own neighborhood, within the jurisdiction of the Phalkara police post, attacked him severely, and he had lodged a complaint at the local police station. However, the police have not responded to his complaint.



Laghari stated that the suspects, being influential, had not faced any action, leading them to attack him again without fear. He has demanded the arrest of the suspects and justice from the SSP Badin and other authorities.

## Students of Mehar Degree College protest against college administration

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: The students of the Mehar Degree College protested against the college administration, accusing them of various issues. The students, including Mir Sarfraz Khoso, Basit Ali Deepar, Osama Chandio, Hassnain Siyal, Irfan Mahesar, Owais Deepar, Nazal Wako, Anwar Noonani, Wajid Hallo, Israr Jahtial, and Mansoor Mahesar, spoke to the media, expressing their grievances. They claimed that despite having completed their admissions and submitting forms, the college administration was now demanding

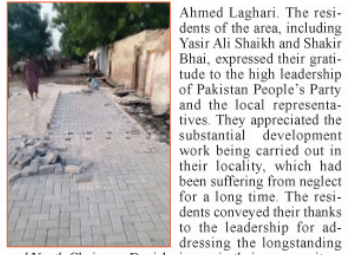


late fees. The students, who consider themselves poor, argued that they are facing numerous problems: poor cleanliness in the school, broken washrooms, inadequate water supply, and non-functional fans. They demanded that the late fees be waived and that their legitimate issues be addressed. They warned that if their concerns are not resolved, they will stage a protest on Indus Highway and block the road again.

## Railway Colony residents in Larkana thank PPP leadership

By M Rafique

LARKANA: Under the scheme provided by General Councillor Rafiq Ahmed Noonani, development work in Railway Colony, Ghinri Phatak, and the Firdous Mosque area is in full swing. This initiative is supported by Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, MPA PS-10 Adil Faryal Talpur, MPA PS-11 Jameel Ahmed Soomro, senior leader Sardar Niaz Hussain Laghari, and Youth Chairman Danish



Ahmed Laghari. The residents of the area, including Yasir Ali Shaikh and Shakir Bhat, expressed their gratitude to the high leadership of Pakistan People's Party and the local representatives. They appreciated the substantial development work being carried out in their locality, which had been suffering from neglect for a long time. The residents conveyed their thanks to the leadership for addressing the longstanding issues in their community.

## Hussaini Jamaat celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) in Daulatpur

By Aijaz Jokhio

DAULATUR: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad, a grand celebration was held in the village of Mitha Khan Jokhio, led by the Hussaini Jamaat. Hundreds of villagers, including respected journalists, scholars, Hafiz, and lawyers participated in the event. The celebration began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Sarmad Ali Jokhio and Hafiz Khair Muhammad Jokhio. Following this, a large and spectacular procession was organized from Abdul Ghaffar Jokhio's store. The rally toured the entire village and reached the residence of respected Haji Abdul Qadir Jokhio. During the event, Allama Molvingi Abdul Wahid Jokhio delivered a speech. The rally saw significant participation from notable villagers such as Haji Abdul Qadir Jokhio, UC Vice Chairman Darya Khan



Jokhio, Advocate Aijaz Ali Jokhio, Raees Shahmeer Jokhio, Shoaib Jokhio, Haji Saddam Jokhio, Haji Imam Bakhsh Jokhio and others.

## Jashn-e-Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) to be celebrated with religious fervor today in Hyderabad District

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: On the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awal, various events will be held throughout Hyderabad district to celebrate the occasion. The celebrations will include 42 religious artifacts and models. Five major locations will host large gatherings for recitations of Naat (praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad). The police precincts will be decorated with lights

in Pinyari, Phuleli, Sakhi Pir and others. There will be 25 different locations where Naat recitations and gatherings will be held, along with 12 small and large rallies. Some places will feature exhibitions and displays of religious artifacts and models. Five major locations will host large gatherings for recitations of Naat (praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad). The police precincts will be decorated with lights

## Opening ceremony of Jeay Bhutto Premier League Season-2 held

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The opening ceremony of the Jeay Bhutto Premier League Season-2 took place at a local hotel, where various teams' sponsors received awards from active members of the Pakistan People's Party and top players. According to the details, the opening event of the Jeay Bhutto Cricket Premier League Season-2 was held in the hall of the Kurri Ghazi Hotel. The league's leader and all-rounder, Imran Khan, conducted the award distribution ceremony among the participating players. The event was attended by Fazal Hayat,



Noor Muhammad Qamrani and players from various teams. The tournament aimed to keep the younger generation away from drugs and antisocial activities.

# THE HEARTLAND



## PPP's clear stance is against any new dams on the Indus River: Ajiz Dhamrah

By Khuda Dino Kachhai

SANGHAR: In a press conference at Sanghar Press Club, former Senator Ajiz Dhamrah, the Spokesperson for the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), addressed several issues on Monday. Dhamrah stated that the PPP's clear stance is against any new dams on the Indus River. He highlighted that the Sindh Assembly has passed multiple resolutions against such projects, asserting that the people of Sindh will not accept any further exploitation of their water resources. He accused the federal government and the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) of plotting to amend the Indus River System Authority (IRSA) Act to facilitate these projects. He mentioned that farmers and landowners in Sindh have suffered significant losses



due to poor crop yields. He praised President Asif Ali Zardari for his efforts to address these issues. Dhamrah expressed disappointment with the federal government's treatment of Sindh, criticizing it for spreading false propaganda and treating Sindh unfairly. He praised PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's speech in the National Assembly as a sign of national reconciliation and expressed hope for his leadership, describing him as Pakistan's future hope. He commented on the need for constitutional amendments, noting that discussions with Maulana Fazur Rehman had led to the postponement of some amendments, which will be revisited and improved upon.

## 178th passing out parade held at Shahdadpur Police Training College



By Sajjan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: In Shahdadpur, the 178th passing out parade of male and female police recruits from various districts of Sindh Police was held at the Police Training College. A total of 544 personnel, including 264 male recruits and 280 female recruits, completed their training. The passing out parade was inspected by Deputy Inspector General of Police Hyderabad, Tariq Razzak Dharjeo, and Principal PSP Zahida Parveen Jamro, who awarded prizes to the top-performing officers. During the event, police officers showcased various drills, including police encounters, crowd control tactics, commando actions, and firing skills. A large number of family members of the recruits, police officers, traders, citizens, and journalists attended the parade. Notable attendees included SSP Sanghar Gulam Nabi Keerio, DSP Shahdadpur Tanveer Shah, trader leaders Javed Jadoon and Rafiq Qureshi, and members of the Shahdadpur Press Club, including Mehdi Hassan Panhwar, Shad Ali Mangi and performing officers. During

## Reception hosted in honor of agricultural scientist Imdad Hussain Wistro

By Zeeshan Soomro



SAKRAND: A recognition ceremony was held in honor of agricultural scientist Imdad Hussain Wistro from the Sakrand Wheat Research Institute, which plays a significant role in producing high-yielding wheat varieties that benefit Sindh's farmers. The event was attended by a large number of agricultural scientists who discussed ideas for making Sindh greener and economically stable. The ceremony was hosted by the institute's employees. Scientist Imdad Hussain Wistro noted that despite a shortage of land for research at the Sindh Wheat Research Institute, they have successfully developed over 13 beneficial wheat varieties. He highlighted that the

Fakhar Sindh variety has been particularly advantageous for farmers in Sindh. Another variety currently in the pipeline is expected to be ready in 107 days and yield up to 90 maunds per acre. Scientist Muhammad Ismail Lashari mentioned that the institute has earned a high reputation for its work. Scientist Sheeraz Ansan praised the TD 1 variety for its revolutionary impact and anticipated that Fakhar Sindh will also provide significant benefits. Scientist Muhammad Juman Zaun emphasized the need for more land for research. Scientist Niaz Lashari stated that the institute holds a prestigious position in the field of wheat research in Sindh. Scientist Mubashir Zahoor Gujjar encouraged farmers to plant the varieties developed in Sindh. The event also featured speeches by Gulam Sarwar Keerio, Rasool Bux Jamali, Mumtaz Ali Soomro, Muhammad Ismail Lashari, and others.

## SSP Ameer Saud Magasi orders physical training and parades for police personnel in Dadu

By Javed Laghari

DADU: SSP Dadu Captain (Retd) Ameer Saud Magasi, has initiated physical training (PT) and parades for police personnel to further enhance discipline within the Dadu Police force. Under the directives of SSP Dadu, weekly PT and parades will be conducted at the Dadu Police Headquarters. This morning, a parade was organized at the police headquarters with more than 100 police personnel from various police stations and units, supervised by DSP City/Headquarters Muhammad Sadiq Odho and DSP Johi Muhammad Yaqoob Brohi. SSP Dadu, Captain (Retd) Ameer Saud Magasi, also visited the parade ground to inspect the



parade and evaluate the platoons' turnout. Following the parade, police personnel were given instructions on maintaining good conduct, performing their duties effectively, and improving their turnout. SSP Dadu directed DSP Headquarters and the RI Police Lines Dadu to ensure that

## 5 injured in Talhar after a wall collapses on BISP beneficiaries

TALHAR: At the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) Centre in Talhar, a wall collapsed on women receiving their payments, resulting in injuries to seven women, including Kamani, Radha, Razo, Ganga, and Lachmi. The injured women were immediately taken to the Taluka Hospital, from where one woman was transferred to Indus Hospital in Badin. The injured women are reported to be from the nearby village of Wasi Adil. Following the incident, the BISP Center has been relocated to the Government Boys High School in Talhar, raising concerns about potential disruptions to children's education.—RT

## SHRC, Masawi Organization facilitate people with issuance of CNICs

By Ashraf Kunhwar



MITHI: In the Chhachhro Taluka of Tharparkar district, a mobile registration van was set up on Monday in the Kantiyo town's Meghwar neighborhood with the support of the Sindh Human Rights Commission, Government of Sindh, and Masawi Organization. Through this mobile service, more than 50 people from Kantiyo town and surrounding villages were able to get essential documents like their children's birth certificates (B-Forms) and identity cards processed without leaving their homes. The residents of Kantiyo expressed their gratitude to

the Sindh Human Rights Commission, the Government of Sindh, and Masawi Organization for providing this home-based facility. Normally, poor people have to pay high fares to travel to the city, but today they received this service at their doorstep. On this occasion, teams from the Sindh Human Rights Commission and the Masawi Organization of Tharparkar were present. They announced that with the cooperation of these organizations, the mobile NADRA van will be stationed in various villages of Kantiyo throughout the week. This initiative will help poor individuals, who cannot travel to the city, to obtain their national identity cards and other essential documents.

## Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) celebrated at GBPS Malik Safar Khan in TBK

By Shoukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: A celebration of the birthday of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) was held at the Government Boys Primary School, Malik Safar Khan, in Thana Bula Khan. The event featured a grand program and a procession, with the participation of TEO Thana Bula Khan Nisar Ali Memon and Senior Clerk Ayaz Ahmed Memon. The school headmaster, Nooruddin Khaskheli and teacher Ghulam Mustafa Khaskheli organized a splendid program to honor the Holy Prophet (SAWW), highlighting the significance of the celebration for both the students and staff. During the event, students such as Sajjeela, Zahila, Shah Khaatoon, Ayasha, Suhana, Muskan, Rizwan, Abdul Hakim, Saleem, and Bakhsah Ali delivered speeches and recitations praising the life of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). They paid tribute by reciting Naats and expressing their devotion. TEO Thana Bula



Khan Nisar Ali Memon, Ayaz Memon, Nooruddin Khaskheli and Ghulam Mustafa emphasized the simplicity and virtuous life of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and encouraged the students to follow his teachings. At the end of the program, TEO Nisar Ali Memon distributed sweets among the students.

## Noman Shaikh calls President of PPP Sindh, MPA Nisar Khuhro

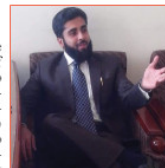
By Shaikh Sindihi

KOTRI: A significant meeting was held in the Sindh Assembly chamber with the Provincial President of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Sindh, Nisar Ahmed Khuhro. The meeting included PPP Sindh Coordinator Secretary

Noman Shaikh, Deputy Mayor Sukkur Dr. Arshad Mughal, former Provincial Information Secretary of PPP Sindh Dr. Mir Abdul Razzak Tarar, and other key members. The discussions focused on organizational matters of the party and other important issues.

## DC Jacobabad Zahoor Ahmed Marri recommends job, financial assistance for raped polio worker

By Hashim Brohi



JACOBABAD: The Deputy Commissioner of Jacobabad has written to the Sindh government requesting financial assistance and a government job for the polio worker who was a victim of rape. According to details, Deputy Commissioner Zahoor Ahmed Marri has asked the Sindh government to provide financial support and a government position for the victim, Abida Unar. In the

letter, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that after the tragic incident, the victim's husband had expelled her from their home. She is now living with her children at her father's house, where she is in urgent need of humanitarian support and assistance. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the Sindh government to provide at least 5 million rupees in financial aid to the victim and a government job to help her live a dignified life and support her children. Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner wrote a letter to the SSP of Jacobabad, instructing them to ensure the safety and protection of the victim.

## Faqir Ali Nawaz Hashmi inaugurates Langar Hall at Dargah Faiz Hashmi

By Youisf Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: At the Dargah Faiz Hashmi in Karimabad Sharif, the newly constructed Langar Hall was inaugurated by the custodian of the shrine, Khadim Fuqara Faqir Ali Nawaz Hashmi, in a ceremony attended by a large number of devotees, accompanied by recitation and spiritual chanting. On this occasion, Faqir Naeem, Sahibzad, Abdul Sattar Hashmi, and Sahibzada Abdul Jabbar Hashmi were also present. It should be noted that the Dargah Faiz Hashmi operates a 24-hour Langar (free meal service), regardless of day or night, summer or



winter, where hundreds of travelers and guests are served meals. In continuation of this, the newly expanded and constructed Langar Hall was inaugurated by Faqir Ali Nawaz Hashmi, the custodian of the shrine, who cut the ribbon. Meanwhile, preparations for the 37th annual

## Badin Police arrest 10 during ongoing operations

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Badin Police on orders of SSP Sheeraz Nazir continued operations against the criminals and drug dealers. According to the police, the arrested criminals included Irshad Khaskhali, Moola Bux Mallah, Nawaz Mallah, Jivaraj Kolhi, Roshan Kolhi, Waqar Ali Solangi,

Shahzad Raza Khoso, Ghulam Rasool Solangi, Atiqullah Panhor and Amanullah Panhwar. The police recovered Gutka in a huge quantity from possession of the arrested men along with weapons and other unlawful items. The cases were registered against all the arrested men at different police stations in Badin district.

## Tando Adam Police arrest two criminals, recover 5 stolen motorcycles

By Mumtaz Thahim



TANDO ADAM: Tando Adam police, led by DSP Muhammad Moosa Abro and SHO Muhammad Haneef Mahar, apprehended two motorcycle snatcher and recovered five stolen motorcycles. During a press conference at the City Police Station, DSP Abro revealed that on June 3, three suspects had stolen a motorcycle of Muhammad Juma, who was delivering goods to various factories in Tando Adam. After lodge report using technical methods and personal resources, the police arrested the suspects. The Mor Buriro resident of Ahmed Burira and Ghulam Murtaza Brohi resident of Mir Hassan Brohi taluka Shahdadpur involved in the

snatch. They also seized two TT pistols and nine rounds of ammunition. Further investigation led to the recovery of four additional stolen motorcycles from the areas of

## Syed Mustansir Ali Shah, Syeda Fakhra Shah urge to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) with religious fervor

By Naeem Shaikh



KHAIRPUR: Prominent social figures, Syed Mustansir Ali Shah and Syeda Fakhra Shah, have said that the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) is a symbol of mercy, and his arrival brought an end to outdated traditions and ignorance. They stated that the world was blessed with mercy, blessings, and enlightenment due to his presence, uplifting humanity. They emphasized that the life of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was dedicated to the spread of Islam, the dissemination of Allah's mes-

sage, and the betterment and transformation of humankind. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) is the benefactor of humanity and the most loved, respect, and devotion. They urged everyone to follow the Holy Prophet's (SAWW) example and live for all. They added that the

## Pir Hamad Riaz condemns elements creating obstacles in celebrating Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: We have never had any association with any anti-Islamic group. A man named Yunus, who is based in Britain, is trying to defame our group by spreading false accusations. Our belief remains firm that our final Prophet, the Leader of both worlds, is Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW), and we will continue to uphold this belief. Some troublemakers have filed applica-

tions against us, creating obstacles in the 12th Rabi-ul-Awal procession. Considering the advice of the police and adherence to the law, we have decided to suspend this year's procession. The current spiritual leader of the registered spiritual organization "Arju-man Sarfoshan-e-Islam, Pir Hamad Riaz further stated that every year on the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awal, we hold a procession from our shrine to celebrate the arrival of

## 20 cops booked in a case at Mehar Police Station

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: The A-Section Police Station has disclosed the loss of government property from its warehouse. An FIR has been lodged against 20 former senior officials, including Ameer Ali Shah, Late Zameer Ali Jatoi, Bashir Lakher, Ghulam Hussain Suhag, Ayaz Ali Sargani, Shamsuddin Tunio, Mukhtiar Baladi, Haji Abdullah Joyo, Ehsan Samejo, Ashfaq Khokhar, Yaqeen Ali Jatoi, Imam Bakhsah Shaniati, Asghar Panhwar, Sikandar Babar, Rasool Bakhs Khoso, Sikandar Panhwar, Saleh Panhwar, Long Khan Sargani, and Late Niaz Hus-

sain Janwri, for the misappropriation of government property. The FIR, filed based on a complaint by SHO A-Section Asghar Shah, includes charges of embezzlement of government property. It has been reported that these officials, who were responsible for managing the government property, have been found negligent in their duties. The FIR highlights that these individuals have been involved in the loss of government assets, with their malfeasance coming to light. The case was registered under Section 409 for embezzlement and misappropriation of government property.



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### IHC Seeks Government's Clarification On Potential Military Trial For Imran In May 9 Case

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday once again sought clarification from the government over Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan's possible military trial over his alleged involvement in the May 9 riots.



IHC's Justice Mianqul Hassan Aurangzeb presided over the hearing on PTI founder's petition against the military trials in the May 9 case that witnessed military installations being vandalised following his arrest in a graft case last year.

"There is no clear answer from the government. I am giving you time to bring instructions in this regard," said Justice Aurangzeb during the hearing today.

The court ordered the Ministry of Defence to give a clear stance on the next hearing after which the ministry

sought time. The hearing was adjourned till next Tuesday (September 24).

The former prime minister's pleas came in the wake of statements by government high-ups including Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar that fuelled rumours of his military trial.

It is pertinent to know that in July last year, an anti-terrorism court in Lahore — in

a four-page written verdict — said that reasonable grounds existed to connect the PTI founder with the May 9 incidents.

It is to be noted that Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) led government had initiated military trials of those involved in targeting state and military installations in last year's riots.

The matter ended up in the Supreme Court which de-

clared civilians' trials in military courts null and void in its October 23, 2023, verdict which was later superseded by the apex court in a 5:1 majority ruling in December.

The majority order was announced on the intra-court appeals filed by the federal and provincial governments and the defence ministry against the top court's verdict.

The December 13, 2023, verdict stated that military court trials would be conditioned on the apex court's final verdict on the intra-court pleas.

During the hearing today, Justice Aurangzeb asked the procedure of handing someone in military custody. "The Ministry of Defence has no information of military detention and trial till date," he remarked, adding that nothing regarding the matter has

been brought before the ministry.

The additional attorney general said: "If any request is made, action will still be taken according to the law."

At this, Justice Aurangzeb said he has nothing to proceed with in this case. The court then sought the procedure of civilians' trial in military court from the defence ministry.

The defence ministry's representative said they have a "very clean procedure".

"If a notice is issued to PTI founder before the military trial, then the case will be wrapped up," said Justice Aurangzeb, adding that the civil court will first frame the charge, according to the procedure. If the trial court says that the case is to be sent to the military court, then the notice should be issued first, he added.—RT/Agency

### Pakistan Seeks Enhanced Cooperation With US To Address Economic And Security Challenges

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday emphasised the importance of positive and productive engagement between Pakistan and the US, highlighting the ongoing macro-economic and regional security challenges, particularly the infiltration of insurgency through the porous Afghan border.



Dar, who is also the country's foreign minister, said this during an interaction with the US Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs John Bass, at the Foreign Office in Islamabad. The meeting was also attended by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Elizabeth Horst.

Both officials discussed approaches to expanding bilateral cooperation on economic and security issues, including countering terrorism and violent extremism, and the importance of fostering regional stability and prosperity, according to a US Mission handout.

Earlier this month, the US strongly condemned the August 26 terrorist attacks in Balochistan, which resulted in the deaths of over 50 people, including 14 security personnel.

The US State Department's spokesperson Matthew Miller, at a news briefing, said that "Washington strongly condemned the deadly attacks that targeted

security officials and civilians, including the murder of 23 innocent civilians in Musakhail".

The assaults were the most widespread in years by ethnic militants fighting a decades-long insurgency to win secession of the resource-rich province, home to major China-led projects such as a port and a gold and copper mine.

Acting Under Secretary Bass expressed his gratitude for Pakistan's continued cooperation in assisting Afghans in resettlement pathways to the US.

The Under Secretary congratulated the Deputy Prime Minister on Pakistan's election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2025-2026 term and expressed the US's interest in working closely with the Government of Pakistan during his tenure.

Bass, also called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen-

eral Asim Munir. The meeting focused on matters of military cooperation, geopolitical issues, and security situation along the Pak-Afghan border.

Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant attacks since the Taliban government returned to power in neighbouring Afghanistan in 2021, mostly in the border province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, but also in Balochistan, which abuts Afghanistan and Iran.

At least 170 militant attacks were killing 151 civilians and 114 security personnel in Balochistan last year, according to the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies.

Against this backdrop, the federal cabinet in June this year approved Operation Azm-e-Istehkam, a reinvigorated national counter-terrorism campaign following the Central Appellate Committee's recommendations under the National Action Plan to root out terrorism.—RT/Agency

### Azam Nazeer Initiates Consultations With Political Parties On Proposed Constitutional Reforms

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar on Monday informed the National Assembly that the process of talks has been initiated with all the political parties in the Parliament (National Assembly and Senate) on the proposed constitutional package.



Responding to points raised by PTI lawmaker Asad Qaisar, the minister said it would be the government's efforts to evolve consensus on the document.

He urged the opposition parties to come up with positive recommendations instead of undue criticisms, assuring that these would be accommodated in the proposed constitutional package.

He called upon the opposition to come forward and support the positive move in order to provide relief to the people suffering for the last over last seven decades.

Azam Nazeer said any legislation in line with the constitutional structure was the prerogative of the Parliament. The proposed constitutional package envisaged formation of the judicial commission as per the spirit of the 18th amendment and Charter of

Democracy (CoD), he said.

He said under the package, it was proposed to empower the judicial commission to regulate and evaluate the performance of the judges of the high courts.

He said the judges enjoyed official perks and privilege and it was his sole responsibility to dispense timely justices to the masses. Justice delay was tantamount to justice denied, he added.

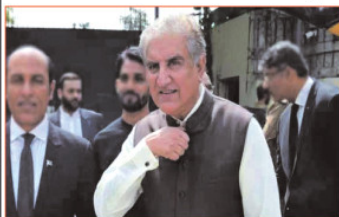
The minister said that during formation of the incumbent government proper consultation was made with different parties including Pakistan Peoples Party, PML-Z, IPP, ANP, Maulana Fazal ur Rehman, Mehmo-

Khan Achakzai and Dr Abdul Malik etc. After formation of the government, it was our top priority to bring judicial reforms as it was unfinished part of CoD, he added.

He said that the 18th constitutional amendment ratified all wrong doings made with the 1973 constitution. He paid tribute to the parliament for the said landmark amendment.

He said the package was a set of amendments to the Constitution. As per procedure, a constitutional amendment first needed to be cleared by the federal cabinet, he added. He said the constitutional package has not been presented before the federal cabinet yet.—RT/Agency

### Shah Mahmood Warns Constitutional Amendments Will Undermine Judiciary



LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senior leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that the government's plan of constitutional amendment is tantamount to bury the constitution.

Talking to media on Monday after the court hearing, the veteran politician paid tribute to JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman for not supporting the constitutional amendment.

"I request all the political parties to thoroughly study the draft of the amendment before voting in favour of the bill," he said.

The constitutional amendment is a serious issue and it shouldn't be passed in haste, he said. Qureshi said that the draft of the bill should be tabled in the National As-

sembly to ensure transparency in the process. The house should have debate over the constitutional amendment, he added.

"Your grandfather made the constitution of 1973 with consensus but you are burying it," Qureshi said, while addressing the PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

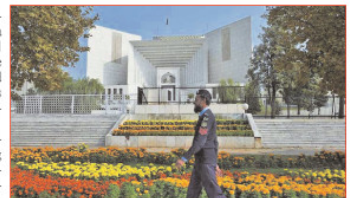
He also termed the proposed amendment an attack on the judiciary.

"The basic structure of constitution would be changed through this amendment," the seasoned politician said.

He added that the parliament is incomplete without the allocation of reserved seats to PTI and an incomplete parliament cannot do amendment in the constitution.—RT/Agency

### Supreme Court Approached To Block Controversial Constitutional Amendment Bill

ISLAMABAD: As the government seeks to introduce a controversial constitutional amendment bill, the Supreme Court has been petitioned against the proposed changes to the Constitution of Pakistan.



The country witnesses political turmoil revolving around the incumbent government's prospective constitutional amendment bill, aimed at making major changes to Pakistan's judicial and parliamentary systems, which the opposition parties, especially Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) vehemently oppose.

In a constitutional petition filed under Article 184(3), the apex court has been requested to set aside the proposed amendments and declare them "ultra vires" the Constitution, prin-

ciple of separation of powers, interfere or tamper with independence of judiciary and fundamental rights enshrined under the law. "It is prayed that the separation of powers and independence of the judiciary and its powers and functions to enforce the fundamental rights be kindly declared as sacrosanct under the Constitution and beyond the power and competence of the Parliament to withdraw,

interfere or tamper with independence of judiciary in any manner whatsoever," the petition read. The petitioners requested the court to restrain the federal government from tabling the bill, order the suspension of the operation of the proposed amendments, and stop it from being signed into law by the president of Pakistan even if it sails through both houses of parliament.—RT/Agency

### ATC Orders Release Of PTI Lawmakers Detained After Islamabad Rally



ISLAMABAD: An anti-terrorism court in Islamabad Monday ordered the immediate release of all the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) members of the National Assembly arrested from the Parliament House in the wake of the party's September 8 political show in Islamabad.

ATC Judge Abul Hasnat Zulqarnain heard the bail pleas and granted post-arrest bail to the PTI MNAs who were taken into custody by the Islamabad police with their cases registered at the Sangjani police station.

The bails were granted against surety bonds worth Rs30,000 each.

During the hearing of the case, the prosecutor, Raja Naveed, told the court that the police, on September 8 and 9, arrested PTI MNA Muhammad Ahmed Chattha is also nominated in the case. He requested the court against approving bails

as the minimum sentence for provocation imposed in the case is three years.

"Has anything been recovered from Sher Afzal Marwat, Ahmed Chattha and other MNAs?" the judge questioned the prosecutor.

He responded to the question in the negative.

Meanwhile, the court also approved the pre-arrest bail petition filed by PTI leader Advocate Ali Bukhari in the case pertaining to his violation of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) and assault on police personnel in Islamabad during the party's gathering.

Following the hearing, the court issued a notice and adjourned the hearing of the case till October 1. The police, on September 8 and 9, arrested PTI MNA Muhammad Ahmed Chattha is also nominated in the case. He requested the court against approving bails

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