

THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: Syed Rasool Bux Shah, Executive Director of the Sindh Teachers Education and Development Authority (STEDA), is presenting the Best Teacher Award appreciation certificate to Mrs. Shuafat Bisharat Chahagri from Badin District at a ceremony held at Noor Mohammad High School-RT

Darya Bachao Tehreek decries proposed construction of additional canals on River Indus



By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: In Kotri, in part of the province-wide Darya Bachao Tehreek, various parties held a protest and sit-in against the illegal extraction of six canals from the river. The protest was led by senior leaders including SUP's Central Senior Vice President Roshan Ali Buriro, District President Khuda Bux Thebo, Qaumi Awami Tehreek's Central Leader Imdad Panhwar, District President Magsood Jhatial, JSQM's Central Press Spokesperson Deedar Sham, JUT's District Secretary Sudheer Ahmed Rind, STP District President Munthar Ali Chacher, PML-F Leader Faqir Sultan Mangrio, and Jeay Sindh Mahaz's Central Leader Adam Shah, among others. The leaders and activists marched from Station Chowk to the Madina Chowk, where they staged a sit-in. In their speeches, the leaders condemned the illegal extraction of six canals from the Indus River, calling it a conspiracy to dry up Sindh. They warned that if the IRSA Act is not revoked, the scope of their protests would be expanded.

Ashiq Hussain Zardari announces major healthcare upgrades across Sindh

By Khuda Bux Brohi



THATTA: In a continued effort to improve healthcare services in Sindh, Ashiq Hussain Zardari, a rising leader of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and son of Provincial Minister Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, has announced significant steps to enhance hospitals and Basic Health Units (BHUs) throughout the province. The initiative is part of a broader plan under the leadership of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, President Asif Ali Zardari, and key provincial figures including Adil Faryal Talpur, Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah, and Health Minister Dr. Azra Pechuho. During a surprise visit to Makli Civil Hospital, Zardari inspected various departments, including the emergency and medical wards, engaging directly

with patients and staff. He instructed the hospital administration to provide healthcare services without any discrimination, stressing equality for all, regardless of caste, creed, or color. He also announced plans to address the hospital's challenges with key provincial leaders, including Provincial Ministers Ali Hassan Zardari and Dr. Azra Pechuho, and Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah. Zardari expressed optimism about the progress made at Civil Hospital Makli, setting an ambitious goal to elevate it into a leading healthcare facility serving the people of Thatta. The visit was attended by notable figures, including Nazir Ahmed Zardari, Shah Nawaz Lohar and PPP workers, who were accompanied with Ashiq Zardari on his inspection.

Public Hearing on Human and Labour Rights and CSR Contributions to Tharparkar's Development Held

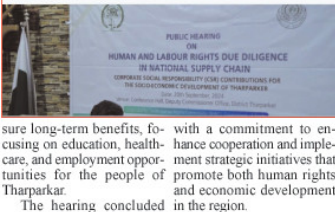
THARPARKAR: A public hearing on Human and Labour Rights Due Diligence in the National Supply Chain and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions to the socio-economic development of Tharparkar was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The event, organized by the Human Rights Commission of Sindh, brought together key stakeholders from various sectors.



Tahseen Fatima, Secretary of the Human Rights Department of the Government of Sindh, and Iqbal Detho, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Sindh, were the chief guests at the event.



They emphasized the essential role of human rights and labour protections in achieving sustainable development.



During the hearing, representatives from industries, civil society, and local government engaged in a thorough discussion on the significance of corporate responsibility in improving the socio-economic conditions of Tharparkar, particularly through adherence to labour rights standards and community development initiatives.

The hearing concluded with a commitment to ensure long-term benefits, focusing on education, healthcare, and employment opportunities for the people of Tharparkar.

No one will be allowed to occupy someone's property by installing an Alam Pak: SUC

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: In Tando Allahyar, a joint press conference was held by officials of the Shia Ulema Council and landowner Asif Khawaja regarding a dispute over land ownership. The press conference took place at Tando Allahyar Press Club, where Shia Ulema Council District General Secretary Zameer Haider Khaksheli, Mir Ghulam Abbas Mari, and landowner Asif Khawaja spoke together. They stated that no one would be allowed to raise religious flags (Alam Pak) on someone else's private agricultural land with the intent of seizing it. They alleged that land grabbers had raised an Alam at the Khawaja Stop with the intention of illegally occupying agricultural land. The speakers mentioned that both parties had previously



sat down and reached a decision, in which Asif Khawaja generously allocated a separate plot for an Imambarah, where construction is already underway. However, certain individuals are still creating unnecessary drama. The Shia Ulema Council stands with the administration and the landowner in their efforts to vacate the occupied land. Asif Khawaja stated that the individuals trying to seize his agricultural land have no legal documents to support their claims. He accepted the decision made by the Shia leaders and vowed not to let the land grabbers succeed in their objectives. He urged the police and district administration to immediately vacate the land to prevent any unfortunate incidents from occurring.

Shabbir Ahmed Sethar assumes charge as SSP Mirpurkhas

By Younis Chandio

MIRPURKHAS: The newly posted SSP Mirpurkhas Shabbir Ahmed Sethar has started work after assuming the charge of his office. After assuming the charge he chaired a meeting of the police officials which was attended by SDPOs and SHOs. He conducted a detailed review of police performance and discussed the current law and order situation in Mirpurkhas district with the participants of the meeting. The SSP emphasized that he will operate under a unified command and that as SSP, he is committed to protecting the lives and property of the public 24/7, stating that this is a top priority. He instructed all officers to strictly implement the National Action Plan regarding crime, drugs, Gutka, absconders, and criminals. He expressed hope that all police officers will utilize all resources to maintain peace and order in Mirpurkhas district and to rid the area of drugs.

SHOs will conduct search operations and snap checking on a daily basis, ensuring the purpose of checkpoints and police pickets is achieved and maintaining regular patrols in their circuits. A crackdown on criminal drug dealers and absconders will be intensified. Any SHO failing to control crime within their jurisdiction will face departmental action, as will the respective DSP. A zero-tolerance policy will be adopted against criminals, drug dealers, Gutka sellers, and livestock thieves.

Chief Secretary Sindh announces package for industrial development in Hyderabad

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Chief Secretary Sindh, Syed Asif Hyder Shah, reaffirmed the government's commitment to enhancing Hyderabad's infrastructure during a meeting with the Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry (HCSTSI). Following a request from HCSTSI and directives from PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, he announced a PKR 5 billion development package aimed at addressing water supply, sewerage, and road issues. The Chief Secretary directed the Managing Director of SITE to allocate 1,000 acres for a new industrial zone and expedite the 300-acre SITE-II Project, with PKR 1,100 million already allocated for restoring SITE's infrastructure. He emphasized the need to remove encroachments swiftly, and the MD assured that actions were underway. To improve planning, the Chief Secretary suggested transferring the Hyderabad Development Authority's responsibilities to the Planning & Development Department. He approved HCSTSI representation in HDA's governing body and agreed to sell remaining inventory from the Gulistan-e-Sarmast and Kohsar Extension schemes to fund development. Funds for the development of the Jan-nat-ul-Tayaba Graveyard will soon be released, and measures against illegal lands will be enforced. The Mass Transit Project and installation of new traffic signals were also approved to tackle traffic issues. HCSTSI President Farooq Shaikhani praised the Chief Secretary's responsiveness and urged continued focus on developing industrial zones, restoring infrastructure, and digitizing land records. The meeting included key officials from various departments, all committed to advancing Hyderabad's development.

Ilm-o-Adab Academy celebrates 192nd Urs of Bibi Badshahzadi in TMK

By Abdul Sattar



TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: The 192nd annual Urs of Bibi Badshahzadi was celebrated in Tando Muhammad Khan in which thousands of devotees participated. The event included a literary conference that honored notable writers, poets, researchers, and intellectuals. Speaking at the event organized by the Ilm-o-Adab Academy, the central chairman, Syed Mehrban Ali Shah

Shamsi, emphasized that serving humanity is of the highest virtue in all civilized religions. He noted that the greatness of Bibi Badshahzadi serves as an unparalleled example, where her millions of followers in Sindh and around the world embody the principles of love, brotherhood, and humanitarianism. He remarked that Sindh literature is a continuous legacy filled with treasures, highlighting the historical significance of the Shamsi order in Sindh, particularly before the partition, where historical assets connected to the Shamsi order remain in various shores. On the occasion, Naseer Mirza, Syed Fateh Ali Shah and other historians and intellectuals including Hakim Muhammad Yusuf Khatri, former UC Chairman Mir Kazim Raza Talpur, President of the Ilm-o-Adab Academy Tando Muhammad Khan Syed Salim Shah Bukhari, and other educational leaders addressed.

Dr Essa Lab, Rotary Club of Hyderabad Galaxy and PSC hold a health awareness seminar

By Munawar Chandio



JAMSHORO: The Pakistan Study Centre (PSC) at the University of Sindh, in collaboration with Dr Essa Lab and the Rotary Club of Hyderabad Galaxy, organized a health awareness seminar focused on Thalassaemia and related health issues. Professor Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mubassar, Director of the PSC, emphasized the importance of youth involvement in community service for societal progress. He highlighted that awareness seminars equip students with vital knowledge to tackle health challenges in their communities and stressed the role of sports in maintaining good health. Keynote speaker Ms. Seema Laghari discussed Thalassaemia, detailing its types, symptoms, and treatment options, including blood transfusions and genetic counseling. She urged couples to



undergo screening before planning children. Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Riaz Wassan praised the initiative and supported collaboration between administration and academia to promote health awareness. The seminar was attended by several notable figures, and afterward, the Health and Sports Club organized a blood donation camp to further contribute to the cause.

HESCO Chief urged to take notice of department's inept performance in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The operation against electricity theft in Badin has been unsuccessful due to collusion between HESCO officials and the Kanda mafia, leading to an increase in theft by private companies and extortionists. Despite strict directives from the HESCO Chief and oversight from the Ministry of Water and Electricity, the situation remains dire. According to citizens and internal HESCO sources, local officers are losing crores of rupees monthly due to rampant electricity theft and embezzlement. The extra load on transformers, resulting from this theft, has caused many to explode and fail, particularly on Cant Road, Shah Abdul Latif Press Club Road, Shahbaz Road, Quaid-e-Azam Road, and Sirani Road. This has left residents facing severe hardships in the intense heat, with prolonged power outages disrupting urban business life. Citizens report that when monthly allowances aren't received, extortionists mix their electricity fees and wires, leading to transformer explosions. They are then charged around 2,000 rupees per person for repairs and pressured to contribute an additional 5,000 rupees. Despite numerous complaints about illegal connections, HESCO officials have been reluctant to disconnect these lines or take legal action against the line-men involved. The citizens and traders have urged the HESCO Chief to take notice of the inept performance of the HESCO officials in Badin district, besides taking steps to facilitate the consumers, who pay their bills regularly.

Five including former Town Chairman Israr Ahmed Khoso sentenced to death

By Adnan Bhatti

KANDHKOT: In a ruling by the Second Additional Sessions Judge of Kandhkot, Ghulam Qadir Tunio, former Town Chairman Israr Ahmed

Khoso, along with five other accused, has been sentenced to death and fined. The court ordered the convicts to be sent to Sukkur Central Jail following the conviction. The convicts were found guilty of fatally shooting their nephew, Javed Khoso, three years ago. Those sentenced to death include Niaz Ahmed, Mir Israr Khan, Mir Manzoor Khan, Nisar Ahmed, and Ali Hassan Khan.

Stock Surge vs. Daily Struggles: The Unseen Divide

While the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) celebrates an all-time high, with the KSE-100 soaring by 2,741 points to reach a historic 82,074, this bullish wave remains detached from the harsh reality most Pakistanis face. The stock market's optimism, fueled by the anticipation of a \$7 billion IMF loan and global market trends, paints a picture of progress. Yet, for the common man, this market euphoria is nothing more than a distant spectacle.

Behind the glitter of financial gains lies an economy still shackled by crippling inflation

and soaring electricity bills. Despite minor upticks in manufacturing and a current account surplus, Pakistan's economy is still on



life support. The 0.12% appreciation of the rupee and improved reserves, though encouraging on paper, offer no respite to a population weighed down by skyrocketing costs of living.

For the average Pakistani, the daily struggle remains unchanged. The soaring costs of basic

necessities and utility bills far outweigh any theoretical gains from stock market surges. Ordinary citizens are shackled by inflation that continues to erode their purchasing power. Electricity bills, which have spiraled beyond affordability, remain a crushing burden, making survival itself an uphill battle.

While the stock market may hint at growth, the common man sees no improvement. Until real economic reforms address the day-to-day challenges, stock market victories will remain hollow triumphs, disconnected from the realities of a population grappling with an unaffordable existence.

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DC Shehryar Gul Memon felicitated on performing Umrah



By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: Deputy Commissioner of Shaheed Benazirabad, Shehryar Gul Memon, has announced that he will soon provide books for CSS exam preparation for Shah Latif Public Library, Sakrand. He further mentioned that he has reviewed the list of books submitted by the youth and students who frequent the library, and it includes basic and small books. However, considering

the modern era's needs, he aims to provide comprehensive and beneficial books that can help students. Shehryar Gul Memon made these remarks during a congratulatory meeting organized by Sakrand Press Club, where the delegation congratulated him on performing Umrah.

He expressed his appreciation for the enthusiasm shown by students and intellectuals of Sakrand at the recent book distribution event

held in the "Abdul Hakeem Arshad Hall" of Shah Latif Public Library. During the event, the delegation of Sakrand Press Club, including Raza Muhammad Siyal, Qazi Javed Sanai, Ghulam Haider Solangi, Ghulam Nabi Mallah, and Zeeshan Soomro, presented the Deputy Commissioner and his PA, Zubair Qadri Mallah, with traditional Sindh Ajraks and garlands to congratulate them on the completion of Umrah.

DC Mukhtiar Ali Abro orders operation against illegal sale of LPG

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Deputy Commissioner Dadu, Mukhtiar Ali Abro, has ordered action against illegal LPG shops operating in the district. He has directed all assistant commissioners to initiate measures against these unlawful establishments. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that illegal LPG shops pose a significant threat to human lives in urban areas. He instructed assistant commissioners to take immediate action to close down these illegal outlets. Strict measures are being implemented against those involved in the illegal LPG filling business



within the district. He clarified that this operation is not aimed at harassing or troubling anyone but is focused on ensuring the safety and security of citizens and their property. Shops that are legally licensed and operating under

standard operating procedures (SOPs) should not be disturbed. There will be strict enforcement of SOPs at approved LPG filling stations, and trained personnel will be assigned to better handle any untoward incidents.

Former SAU VC Dr. Zaheer Memon files constitutional petition against promotions

By Irfan Khushk

TANDO JAM: The former Vice Chancellor of Tando Jam Agriculture University, Dr. Zaheer Memon, has filed a petition in the Hyderabad High Court against the Chief Secretary of Sindh, the Secretary of the Universities Board, the Vice Chancellor of Agriculture University, and the Registrar of Agriculture University, citing irregularities, favoritism, and violations of merit in recent promotions of meritorious professors to grade 22 through the Special Selection Board. According to reports, the former Vice Chancellor claims that as per the law, all university professors should

have been informed via a circular about the grade 22 promotions. However, the administration allegedly issued the circular on 18/09/2023 and only distributed it among preferred professors without informing Dr. Memon, despite his seniority and high-ranking position. Dr. Memon further claims that he was deliberately kept in the dark while promotions were granted to favored individuals in violation of laws and the Constitution, disregarding merit. Sources reveal that the current Vice Chancellor, Dr. Fatah Muhammad Marri, promoted seven professors to grade 22 as meritorious professors, despite the fact that

the required quorum for the Syndicate was not met. The total number of Syndicate members is 22, but only 14 attended the Selection Board meeting held on 10/08/2024. Legally, any candidate for promotion or their family member is not allowed to participate as a member of the Syndicate during such meetings. However, four candidates, including Dr. Inayat Rajpar, Dr. Jan Muhammad Marri, Dr. Aijaz Khuharo, and Dr. Ghayyuddin Shah, were part of the Syndicate and voted for themselves, which is both illegal and unethical. As a result, senior professors were unfairly deprived of their rightful promotions.

PPP Kashmore celebrates 36th birthday of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari



By Adnan Bhatti

KASHMORE: Speaking at a ceremony in Kashmore held to celebrate Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's 36th birthday, PPP District President and Chairman of Kashmore District Council, Mir Gul Muhammad Khan Jakhani, stated that the solution to the country's current challenges lies solely under the leadership of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

He expressed confidence that, God willing, Bilawal will become the Prime Minister of Pakistan. He further

added that the PPP has the answers to the current political crisis, and under Bilawal's leadership, the country can be steered out of the crisis and onto the right path. District Secretary and Vice Chairman of Kashmore District Council, Mir Altaf Ahmed Khoso, also addressed the gathering, noting that even political opponents are acknowledging Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's wisdom and political acumen.

On the occasion of his 36th birthday, Khoso reiterated the commitment to make Bilawal the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

No anti-Sindh amendment will be accepted: Rashid Mehmood Soomro

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: In a press conference in Sujawal, Rashid Mehmood Soomro, General Secretary of JUI-F Sindh, stated that lawlessness, theft, and corruption are at their peak in the country. He criticized the rulers for being preoccupied with their own interests and expanding their businesses. Soomro alleged that they have shown their success through bogus elections from 2018 to 2024. He mentioned a major conspiracy by the government under President Zardari's leadership to make Sindh barren through an amendment to the IRSA Act and asserted that they would



never accept this anti-Sindh amendment.

He further noted that incidents of lawlessness, abductions, thefts, and robberies are increasing in Sindh, with the land and resources of the province being auctioned off. Soomro announced that Mufti Mehmood Confer-

ence would be held on October 14 in Mirpurkhas to open the eyes of the rulers. He was accompanied at the press conference by JUI-F leaders, including Maulana Abdul Qayoom Halevi, Molvi Ghulam Hussain Memon, Molvi Anwar Soomro, Molvi Ashraf and Hanif Soomro.

Five armed men loot a building materials shop in Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: In the Sheikh Zayed Colony Mor area under the Sachal Police Station in Larkana, armed robbers on two motorcycles entered a building materials shop, held the owner and employees at gunpoint, and fled with 65,000 rupees in cash and two mobile phones. Despite being informed, the police arrived late at the scene. Shopkeeper Shoaib Ahmed Abbasi reported that five armed men entered the store, took him and his three employees hostage, and stole the cash and mobile phones before escaping. He noted that lawlessness in Larkana has escalated, with police limited to their stations.

He mentioned a similar incident two months ago when motorcycle-riding robbers stole 250,000 rupees and four mobile phones in the same manner, and expressed frustration that the police have not taken action against criminals. He appealed to the SSP of Larkana to take notice of the situation, apprehend the robbers, recover the stolen money and mobile phones, and ensure protection for the citizens.

Corpse of a youth found in Larkana

In the limits of the Allahabad Police Station in Larkana, an unidentified young man's body was found,

showing signs of violence, near the Abu Bakar Graveyard. Residents of the area informed the local police about the discovery. Upon receiving the report, police arrived at the scene to gather details and have started an investigation from various angles. According to the police, the body was found severely injured, with marks indicating it was struck with a sharp weapon, and identification has not yet been established. As of the latest reports, the identity of the deceased remains unknown, and the reasons behind the incident are still unclear.

SHRC Chairman Iqbal Ahmed Detho meets with Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar's family

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: Chairperson of Sindh Human Rights Commission, Iqbal Ahmed Detho met with Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar's family to offer support, promising all possible assistance as the Commission continues its inquiries over the next few days. The SHRC is dedicated to upholding justice and protecting the rights of all citizens in Sindh. On Saturday, September 21,

he held a detailed meeting with civil society representatives and media at the Circuit House Mirpurkhas, where he outlined the steps taken by the Sindh Human Rights Commission, the status of the inquiry, and the future action plan. In response to media inquiries, Chairperson (SHRC) met with DIG Mirpurkhas and other law enforcement officials, engaging in a comprehensive discussion about the ongoing investigation. Later, he held a detailed meet-

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SPORTS



David Beckham spills heartwarming reason behind Lionel Messi's MLS transfer



Inter Miami co-owner David Beckham recently pulled back the curtain on the major motivation that drove his team's star, Lionel Messi, to decide to join the club over a year ago. Beckham, 49, who is still in awe of Inter Miami's acquisition of Messi, 36, revealed that the World Cup champion wanted his family to live the life of their dreams, USA Today reported. Earlier this week, while speaking at Stella Artois' 'Let's Do Dinner' event, Beckham said: "All he (Argentinian star) was interested in is a place where his family could enjoy and have a great life. That was really important for Leo (Lionel Messi)."

Misbah-ul-Haq leaves Champions One-Day Cup midway to attend charity events in USA

FAISALABAD: Former Pakistan cricket captain and current mentor of the Markhors team, Misbah-ul-Haq, has departed for the USA, leaving the ongoing Champions Cup to attend charity events, media reported on Saturday. According to sources, Misbah had left with the permission and approval of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to attend priority scheduled charity events in the U.S.



A PCB source confirmed that when Misbah was being appointed as a mentor for the Champions Cup, he had informed the PCB of his pre-existing commitments, including the one in the U.S. during the Champions Cup window.

PCB insiders have added that Misbah will return soon, and he is expected to rejoin the team. Remember, Markhors faced their first defeat against the Lions yesterday by 35 runs. They are at the top of the points table with 38 points and have qualified for the next round. The Stallions are ahead of the Panthers with 28 points after winning two out of three matches while the Shadab Khan-led side are at third with 23 points. The Lions are at fourth with 12 points while the Dolphins are yet to register a win.—Agency

FIFA unveils Intercontinental Cup schedule with Real Madrid to play final in Qatar



DOHA: The first edition of the annual FIFA Intercontinental Cup for club teams from around the world will have five matches, with European Champions League winners Real Madrid to play in the final on December 18 in Doha, the world soccer body said. The tournament, which was announced in December last year, replaces the annual Club World Cup which will now be played every four years with 32 teams from 2025. AFC Champions League winners Al Ain will first host OFC Champions League winners Auckland City on September 22 in the African-Asian-Pacific Cup playoff, with the winners set to face CAF Champions League winners Al Ahly in Cairo on October 29. The first two games will be on the home turf of the higher-ranked team, allowing locals to watch their club play. The action then switches to Doha, Qatar, where the 2024 CONMEBOL Libertadores winners play Mexican side Pachuca, the winners of the CONCACAF Champions Cup, on December 11 - a match described by FIFA as the "Derby of the Americas". The winners of the these two matches play each other in the Challenger Cup three days later to earn a spot in the Intercontinental Cup Final against Real Madrid on December 18. The day is celebrated as Qatar's National Day while it also marks the two-year anniversary of the 2022 World Cup final where Argentina beat France.—Agency

Wow! Can you believe this?

Afghanistan secure historic first ODI series victory over South Africa

SHARJAH: Afghanistan reached a major milestone by securing their first-ever bilateral ODI series win over South Africa. In the second match in Sharjah, Afghanistan's commanding 177-run victory gave them an unsailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. This triumph also marks their first series victory against a top-five ICC-ranked ODI team, making it a landmark achievement for Afghan cricket. The triumph was Afghanistan's largest margin of victory in ODI cricket, surpassing their previous best, a 154-run win over Zimbabwe in 2018 at the same venue. Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Rashid Khan were the standout performers in this landmark win. Gurbaz showcased his talent with an impressive century, his seventh in ODIs—the most by any Afghan batter in the format. His innings was well-supported by Rahmat Shah, who scored a solid 50, and Azmatullah Omarzai, who smashed an unbeaten 86 off just 32 balls. Omarzai's blistering knock included the fastest fifty by an Afghan player in ODIs. Thanks to these contributions, Afghanistan posted a formidable total of 311/4 in their 50 overs, marking the 10th time they have crossed the 300-run mark in ODIs and their highest-ever score ever. With the ball, Rashid Khan celebrated his 20th birthday in style, taking a brilliant five-wicket haul that dismantled South Africa's batting lineup. Nangeyalia Kharote, playing only his third ODI, also impressed by taking four wickets, as South Africa crumbled from a strong 73/0 to being bowled out for just 134. Afghanistan will look to complete a historic whitewash when they face South Africa in the final ODI on Sunday, September 22.—Agency



Fakhar Zaman urges consistency in Pakistan's domestic cricket structure



FAISALABAD: Fakhar Zaman has stressed the importance of establishing a stable domestic cricket structure in Pakistan, noting its crucial role in building a strong reserve of players. The 34-year-old cricketer believes that holding consistent tournaments over several years will help discover fresh talent and reinforce the national team's strength. "I think it will be beneficial if these tournaments take place regularly for 3-4 years. Then you'll see how many backup players Pakistan will have," Fakhar said. Fakhar pointed out that frequent changes in the domestic setup have hindered the progress of many cricketers. It's our bad luck that the domestic structure changes every year. This year it's one structure, another year it'll be different. When players talk among ourselves, we say that if the domestic structure stays stable for 5-6 years, whatever the structure is, it will benefit our cricketers," he further added.—Agency

Arsenal's mean defence faces acid test to shut out Man City again

MANCHESTER: Arsenal's Premier League title ambitions face the ultimate test on Sunday when a relentless Erling Haaland aims to fire Manchester City five points clear of the Gunners at the top of the table. Mikel Arteta's men managed to stop City scoring twice last season, but still could not deny the English champions a record fourth consecutive Premier League title. For the past two seasons Arsenal have finished second to Pep Guardiola's winning machine. Many believe this is their season to end a 21-year wait to win the title since Arsene Wenger's "Invincibles" romped to glory without losing a game. City remain their biggest obstacle, although the path could be cleared should the holders be hit by a points deduction for 115 alleged breaches of Premier League rules by the end of the campaign. Haaland has struck a record nine times in the first four matches of the new Premier League campaign. The Norwegian's stunning form has ensured City are the only side in the English top-flight yet to drop points. But Arsenal are on their tails again — just two points behind — after proving their title credentials in battling away wins at Aston Villa and Tottenham. Arsenal's challenge is built on rock solid defensive foundations. Centre-back pairing William Saliba and Gabriel Magalhães are earning comparisons to legendary partnerships of the past, while goalkeeper David Raya has an extraordinary showreel of saves from the past month alone. In five matches in all competitions, Arsenal have conceded just one — a goal that arrived when down to 10 men against Brighton. "We all want to achieve something. Winning this Premier League is not easy, but when you finish twice second, you want to win," said Saliba. "We will give everything, even more than last season, because we don't want to finish second, third or fourth. We want to win this league and we'll give everything."



Face of the Day



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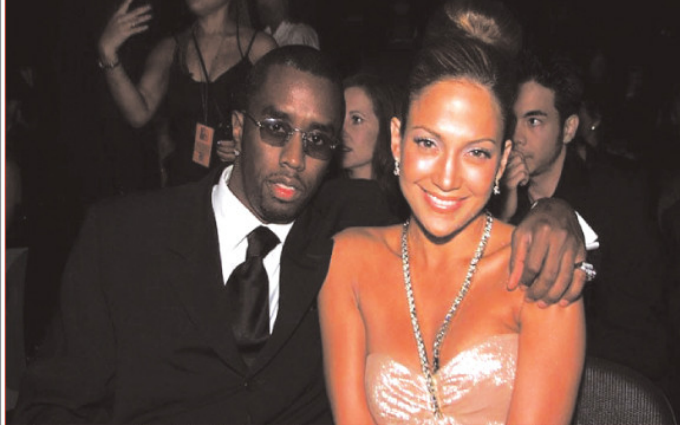
REGIONAL TIMES ENTERTAINMENT

Angelina Jolie reveals sweet gesture to twin with daughter Vivienne



Angelina Jolie and her daughter Vivienne got matching tattoos during their time working on The Outsiders. In a new interview with CR Fashion Book, Angelina shared that she and Vivienne got Stay Gold tattooed during their time working on the Broadway musical The Outsiders. "I got 'Stay Gold' with my daughter Viv during our time with The Outsiders," Jolie revealed of the phrase, which is the title of one of the songs featured in the musical. "It means so much to us separately and together," she noted. The Lara Croft: Tomb Raider star's new ink could be seen on her wrist along with previous tattoos. Angelina also revealed that she shares another tattoo with one of her kids, saying, "There is also a Bird that I share with some of my children that is personal to us." Regarding what she has learnt from her children, she said: "There are too many to count or name just one. But the moment you become a parent you are never first again. Your life is for another. It's a beautiful feeling." Angelina Jolie shares her six kids: Maddox, 23, and Pax, 20, daughters Zahara, 19, Shiloh, 18, Vivienne and twin brother Knox, with her ex-husband, Brad Pitt.

Jennifer Lopez, Sean Diddy Combs relationship: new details resurface amid rapper's trial



Jennifer Lopez and Sean Diddy Combs reportedly discussed about their marriage. Recent in a week, the On The Floor singer's ex, Diddy, was arrested for serious accusation of sex trafficking and racketeering charges and transportation to engage in prostitution. "She and Diddy had talked about marriage at one point, but she left him for a reason. Now people is horrified by all of the accusations." While reflecting on Diddy were dating on-and-off between 1999 and 2001, in addition to that, the insider told, "She doesn't want to be associated with him at all anymore." Moreover, the source went on to say, "There were many wild moments with Diddy, and it gives J. Lo the creeps to think that she was with him for so long." "She wasn't happy in the relationship," the insider concluded. Lopez and Diddy were arrested in a violent crime after fleeing the scene of a nightclub at Club New York in 1999. Lopez spent 13 hours in jail. Later, charges against her were dropped.

METRO KARACHI

CM Murad Suspends DIG And SSP Mirpurkhas

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has suspended the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Mirpurkhas, as per an official notification issued by the Chief Secretary. Sindh Home Minister Zia Hassan Janjani confirmed that the SSP of the CIA and the concerned Station House Officer (SHO) had already been suspended prior to this move.



Janjani emphasized the Sindh government's commitment to the rule of law, noting that there was no hesitation in taking action against officials. A formal letter has been sent to the Establishment Division for further proceedings against the suspended DIG and SSP, reinforcing the government's dedication to justice and accountability.

Separately, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) suspended three senior officers, including the Director of Administration and Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh, over charges of "misconduct and inefficiency." The officers will remain suspended for 120 days as the ECP continues its investigation. Meanwhile, in Punjab, the irrigation secretary suspended four officials, including a superintendent engineer (SE) and executive engineer (EXEN), for corruption and negligence related to a project involving Rs300 million.—RT

Tessori: Pakistan's Contributions To Global Peace Are Indelible



KARACHI: On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori emphasized that Pakistan's contributions to global peace are indelible. He noted that by taking a leading role in the global fight against terrorism, Pakistan has successfully thwarted numerous conspiracies aimed at undermining world peace. Tessori highlighted the serious threats to global stability posed by India and Israel, urging the international community to respond decisively to any actions that jeopardize peace. He asserted that until Palestine and the occupied regions of Jammu and Kashmir are liberated, true global peace will remain an elusive goal.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: Dr. Mirza Ikhitar Baig, Member of the National Assembly, attended the Lifestyle Furniture Expo at the Expo Centre, Karachi, where he visited various companies' stalls. The event received an overwhelming response from the public. Zahra Faisal, the organizer of the Expo, was also present during MNA Baig's visit.—RT

Karachi University students celebrate International Coastal Cleanup day

By Sajid Ali Janjano

KARACHI: To celebrate international coastal cleanup day, students of Department of Mass Communication University of Karachi in collaboration with Mahegeer Samaji Sangat visited Rehri Goth in Korangi District on 21 Sep 2024. Students were briefed about coastal communities, where they interacted and became aware of their issues. They visited social startups

like Community Kitchen which provides meal for the households in the community, prawn sorting factories, where women of the community work to earn livelihood for their families. Moreover, to enhance awareness regarding coastal habitat, Students were provided with a visit of the Mangrove forest and nearby Islands. Students unanimously called on for the preservation of Mangrove and surrounding coastal environment. Younis Khaskheli, a social activist for coastal climate, said that Mangroves serve as nursery for species of fish, birds and provide livelihood to the thousand of the fisherman, yet Mangroves are ruined by dumping industrial waste in to the ocean. Nazir Ahmed Bhutto, Town Chairman of the area, welcomed students and stressed that more such interactions be organized so that youth can be mobilized for awareness.

PTI's Advocate Khalid Mahmood Ali announces to approach Election Tribunal



By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: In an emergency press conference at the District Press Club Malir, PTI candidate Advocate Khalid Mahmood Ali claimed he was defeated through rigging in the recent general elections, with an election tribunal case currently in progress. He reported that he received information about stolen ballot papers in the Pipri area, which had been reported missing a few days ago, and a case has been registered. Khalid stated he attempted to file an FIR at the Bin Qasim police station, but the police refused to accept it. He alleged that the ballot papers from his constituency were stolen and that he would be filing a petition in court regarding this matter. Other PTI leaders present included Rashid Nawaz Abbasi, Umair Shahid, Zubair Baloch and Junaid Shah.

Afghan Citizens Using Pakistan For Illegal Travel To Other Countries

KARACHI: A recent report has revealed that Afghan citizens are allegedly exploiting Pakistan to illegally travel to other nations. Authorities have apprehended nine Afghan nationals attempting to reach Japan and the United States using fraudulent medical visas issued from Pakistan. Immigration sources suggest that this rise in forgery is linked to the suspension of Pakistani visit visas for Afghan citizens. These individuals reportedly entered Islamabad from Kabul under the pretense of seeking medical treatment, armed with fake medical certificates, and subsequently applied for visas at various embassies and consulates for onward travel.

In the last three days, immigration officials at Karachi Airport detained these nine individuals, resulting in the filing of three cases (No. 205, 207, 213/2024) against them. Following court directives, the arrested suspects have been transferred to jail. The arrests have sparked concerns regarding the potential involvement of certain Pakistani officials and agents who may be facilitating this illegal activity.—RT/Agency

Town Chairman Nazir Ahmed Bhutto commits to provide education to every child in Ibrahim Hyderi



By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: In a speech at the ceremony for the government school in Atta Rehman Goth, Yousaf Rahi, Ibrahim Hyderi Town Municipal Corporation Chairman Nazir Ahmed Bhutto emphasized the critical importance of education. He announced the opening of 16 new schools across 11 UCs in Ibrahim

Hyderi Town to ensure that every child has access to education. Bhutto expressed confidence that they would improve the quality of public schools to such an extent that parents would prefer them over private schools. He highlighted that education elevates individuals and encouraged the youth to see Bilawal Bhutto Zardari as a role model, noting his commitment to leading the country toward development in line with the legacy of his grandfather, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Teachers, including Saif Kamal and Noor Habib, also spoke at the event. Chairman Nazir Ahmed Bhutto awarded certificates, shields, and medals to students who secured the top three positions in a speech competition.

Massive Corruption Uncovered In SBCA And SSWMB

KARACHI: An audit report has revealed significant financial irregularities amounting to millions in the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) and the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), media sources reported. The report disclosed that the SSWMB made unauthorized utility allowance payments, totaling Rs. 4.8 million, while the SBCA administration was found to have made unauthorized payments of Rs. 17.4 million. These actions were identified as clear violations of financial regulations. The audit recommended the immediate cessation of the utility allowances in the SSWMB and called for the recovery of all unauthorized payments. Despite being asked to explain these expenditures in October 2023, the administrations have yet to respond.—RT/Agency

Lack Of Government Schools In Manghopir Worrying For Future Of Students, Says TMC Chairman

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi, Chairman of the Town Municipal Corporation Manghopir, expressed concern over the lack of government schools in Manghopir, emphasizing the potential impact on the town's future architects and students. Brohi revealed that the municipal authorities have submitted written requests to the education department, urging the establishment of government schools in the area. He pointed out that the increasing privatization of education has made quality schooling unaffordable for

many families. "Our goal is to provide the same facilities found in English-medium schools within government schools, and we are working tirelessly to achieve this," he stated. Addressing teachers during a course distribution event at a government school in Sarjani 5D, Brohi stressed the need for government schools to match the standards of private institutions. "Parents who sacrifice other desires to give their children a good education should feel confident in the quality of government schools," he added, calling for collective dedication and honesty in this endeavor. Vice Chairman Rana Arif and Director of Education, along with school staff, were present during the event.

Justice (R) Wajihuddin Proposes Grand Jirga To Address Balochistan Crisis

KARACHI: Justice (Retd.) Wajihuddin, Founder Chairman of Aam Log Ittehad, has advocated for a Grand Jirga to resolve the ongoing crisis in Balochistan, emphasizing the need for a collective effort involving all stakeholders. Speaking at a party meeting, Wajihuddin highlighted the complexities of the situation, calling for cooperation from political leaders and local communities to ensure long-term peace and stability.



Key party members, including Chairman Farrukh Zia Sheikh, Chief Organizer Commodore (Retd.) Sadeed A. Malik Kashir, and Secretary Information Muhammad Sagheer Qureshi, were present. Wajihuddin also announced plans to meet prominent Baloch leaders such as Sardar Akhtar Mengal and Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch to garner support for a peaceful resolution. Wajihuddin stressed the need for quality education and job opportunities for Baloch youth, proposing stipends if employment cannot be immediately provided. Commodore (Retd.) Sadeed A. Malik urged the party to strengthen its outreach campaign, particularly on social media, to raise awareness of Aam Log Ittehad's policies and Balochistan's critical issues.—RT

Rs 20 Million Worth Of Crystal Meth Seized At Karachi Airport

KARACHI: Customs officials at Jinnah International Airport foiled a drug smuggling attempt, seizing 1,250 grams of methamphetamine (ice) valued at approximately Rs. 20 million. The contraband was found in the luggage of Muhammad Mithal Jamali, a passenger en route to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Customs Deputy Collector Hamad Ahmed initiated the operation after suspicions arose during baggage scanning. Upon inspection, the drugs were discovered concealed in the suitcase. Preliminary investigations revealed the meth's value exceeded Rs. 2 crore. Jamali has been detained for further questioning regarding his possible links to smuggling networks. In a separate incident, customs officials intercepted two Dubai-bound passengers attempting to smuggle over AED 100,000 out of Pakistan.—RT/Agency

First Phase Of Karachi Safe City Project Kicks Off

KARACHI: The first phase of the Safe City project has officially commenced in Karachi. Director General of Sindh Safe Cities Authority, Asif Ijaz Sheikh, announced that the process of installing cameras on poles, linked to the S-4 control room at the Central Police Office (CPO), has begun. So far, 25 cameras have been activated on five poles,

with installations completed on a total of 43 poles across the city. The project aims to enhance surveillance and public safety in Karachi.—RT/Agency

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