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## PM Shehbaz Vows Firm Response To Indian Aggression In UN Address

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reiterated that Pakistan will give befitting response to Indian aggression as he highlighted the belligerence of the Modi-led government.

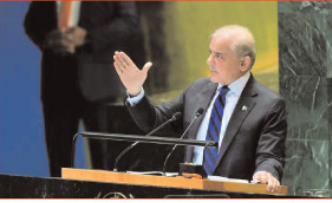
The premier made these remarks while addressing the plenary meeting for the UN General Debate at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

In his 21-minute address, he touched on multiple regional and international issues including Palestine and Kashmir disputes, Ukraine war, climate change, rising poverty and debt burden particularly induced by climate change impacts.

"It is an honour for me to address the United Nations General Assembly for the second time as the prime minister of the country that has always been the proactive member of the UN Assembly," the premier said in his opening remarks.

PM Shehbaz said the Father of our nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, declared in 1947 that, "we stand by the United Nations Charter, and will gladly make, our full contribution, to peace and prosperity, of the world."

"Pakistan has stood by this commitment unwaveringly. Today, we are facing most daunting challenges to the world order — Israel's genocidal war in Gaza, a dan-



gerous conflict in Ukraine, destructive conflicts across Africa and Asia, rising geopolitical tensions resurging terrorism, galloping poverty, stifling debt and a mounting impact of climate change. We feel the chill of a new cold war."

Likening the current situation of Gaza to Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), the prime minister said that the people of occupied territory 'too' have struggled, for a century, for their freedom, and right to self-determination.

"Instead of moving towards peace, India, has resiled, from its commitments to implement the Security Council resolutions on Kashmir dispute," he said, adding: "These resolutions, mandate a plebiscite, to enable the Kashmiris, to exercise, their fundamental right to self-determination."

Since 5 August 2019, the premier said, India has initiated, unilateral illegal steps, to impose, what it's leaders ominously call, a "Final Solution" for the occupied territory.

"Day in and day out, nine hundred thousand Indian troops, terrorise the people of occupied Kashmir, with draconian measures, including prolonged curfews, extra-judicial killings, and the abduction, of thousands of young Kashmiris."

He added: "At the same time, in a classic settler-colonial project, India is seizing, Kashmiri lands and properties, and settling outsiders, into occupied Jammu and Kashmir, their nefarious design, to transform the Muslim-majority into a minority. This hackneyed tactic, is employed by all occupying powers, but it has always failed. In Jammu and Kashmir too, it shall fail, by Grace of God!"

PM Shehbaz pointed out that the Kashmiri people are "resolute" in rejection of the false Indian identity, that New Delhi, seeks to impose upon them.

Criticising India's policy of brutal coercion and oppression in occupied Kashmir, he said such actions have ensured, that Burhan Wani's legacy, continues to inspire, the struggle and sacrifices, of millions of Kashmiris.

He noted that India was engaged in a massive expansion of its military capabilities which according to him were deployed against Pakistan. "Its war doctrines, envisage a surprise attack and a limited war under, the nu-

this is systematic slaughter, of innocent people. An assault on the very essence of human life and dignity. The blood of Gaza's children stains the hands of not just the oppressors, but also of those, who are complicit, in prolonging, this cruel conflict," the premier said while castigating the Israeli actions.

He said humanity was diminished when the endless suffering of Palestinians was ignored. "It is not enough to condemn. We must act now, and demand an immediate end, to this bloodshed. We must remember that the blood and sacrifice of the innocent Palestinians, will never go waste."

The prime minister further said that the neighbouring country has spurned Pakistan's proposals for a mutual, "Strategic Restraint Regime".

"Its leadership has often threatened to cross the Line of Control [LoC] and take-over Azad Kashmir. Let me state, in no uncertain terms that Pakistan will respond, most decisively, to any Indian aggression," he maintained.

For durable peace, the premier called on India to reverse the unilateral and illegal measures, it has taken since 5 August 2019, and enter into a dialogue "for a peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions, and the wishes of the Kashmiri people"

Meanwhile, PM Shehbaz demanded an immediate end to the ongoing Israeli atrocities in the Gaza, terming it "systematic slaughter" and "bloodshed".

"This is not just a conflict, added. Apart from conflicts, PM Shehbaz noted, the 21st Century has brought a cascade of crises, including the reversal of development, and the mounting impact of climate change.

He referred to the devastation caused by climate change-induced floods in Pakistan in 2022 causing \$30 billion in damages despite the country's less than 1% carbon emissions.

"This is unfair in any calculus of global justice. We must uphold the axiom: the polluter must pay," he remarked and called for the fulfillment of commitments made by the developed countries in climate financing to support the achievements of the SDGs and climate goals.

Calling the debt burden on nearly 100 countries a "death trap" impacting their ability to meet the SDGs, he emphasised reforming and aligning the world trade and technology regimes to promote development and global equity.

The prime minister told the global leaders that the government had taken difficult but necessary decisions that had "rescued our economy from collapse, restored macroeconomic stability, controlled fiscal deficits, strengthened our reserves. As a result, inflation has come to a single digit."

He said while prioritising the geo-economics and re-

gional connectivity, the government had launched the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and established the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to mobilise investments, in resilient infrastructure, renewable energy, minerals, sustainable agriculture and technology.

The prime minister said that Pakistan had sacrificed around 80,000 lives of soldiers and civilians and suffered economic loss worth \$150 billion in its fight against terrorism.

He reiterated the nation's resolve to counter the new wave of "externally financed and sponsored" terrorism, especially by the Fina al-Khawarij (Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan) and its associates.

"Make no mistake, we are determined to eliminate this threat once again, through our comprehensive national effort, Azm-e-Istehkam And, we will work collectively with the international community to combat all forms of terrorism and reform the global counter-terrorism architecture," he reaffirmed.

Coming to Afghanistan, the prime minister said Pakistan desired the earliest possible normalisation of the situation in Afghanistan and joined the UN's appeal for \$3 billion in humanitarian assistance for the Afghan people.

He urged the Afghan interim government to meet international expectations to re-

spect human rights, including the rights of women and girls, promote political inclusion, and take effective action to neutralise all terrorist groups within Afghanistan, especially those responsible for cross-border terrorism against neighbouring countries. These include ISIL-K (Daesh), the Al-Qaeda-affiliated TTP/Fina al-Khawarij, Majeed Brigade, BLA and others.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that Islamophobia was manifested, by frequent desecrations of the Holy Quran, attacks on mosques, negative stereotyping of Muslims and acts of discrimination and violence against them. The most alarming manifestation of Islamophobia is the Hindu supremacist agenda in India seeking the subjugation of 200 million Muslims and the obliteration of India's Islamic heritage, he added.

Pakistan and the OIC would work with the UN Secretary-General and his Special Envoy to implement a plan of action to combat this scourge, he assured.

The prime minister also sought an immediate end to the tragic conflict in Ukraine, and its peaceful resolution, besides reaffirming Pakistan's resolve to continue to cooperate with Africa to counter terrorism and resolve regional conflicts, including through its role in UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding in the region. —RT/Agency

## PM Shehbaz Invites American Banks To Invest In Key Pakistani Sectors

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday invited American banks to invest in Pakistan's key sectors of infrastructure, energy, technology, agriculture, and assured of the government's commitment to maintain a stable macro-economic environment to facilitate foreign investments.

The prime minister said this while talking to a delegation of prominent Pakistani American bankers on the sidelines of the 79th UN General Assembly. The delegation comprised high-ranking representatives from prestigious banks including JP Morgan, Natixis Corps & Investments, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp, Goldman Sachs, Citizens Bank, Lazard, Audax Group.

He informed the delegation about the key initiatives taken by the government to stabilize the economy and attract foreign investment to Pakistan, including broadening

the tax base, enhancing the ease of doing business, and ongoing reforms in the state-owned enterprises.

These steps have resulted in improved economic indicators and upgradation of Pakistan's credit rating by international rating agencies, including Fitch and Moody's.

He also briefed the delegation on the establishment of a Sustainable Finance Framework, which will allow the Government to carry out a green/sustainability bond issuance in the international capital markets.

Thanking the prime minister for the opportunity to interact with him, the delegation lauded the government's policies that have been instrumental in achieving the macroeconomic stability in Pakistan. The delegation also expressed a deep interest in cooperating with the government for the development of manufacturing sector, especially SMEs to help bolster the exports. —RT/Agency



## PM Meets Nepalese Counterpart, Calls For Stronger Bilateral Ties

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday met his Nepalese counterpart K.P. Sharma Oli and expressed Pakistan's desire to further strengthen the multifaceted bilateral cooperation, especially in commercial, economic, trade, and tourism sectors.

In the meeting held on the sidelines of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly here, the two leaders reiterated their commitment to continue exploring avenues for enhancing bilateral and regional cooperation.

Prime Minister Shehbaz congratulated K.P. Sharma Oli on assuming the office of the prime

minister. Expressing satisfaction at the excellent bilateral ties between Pakistan and Nepal, he conveyed warm sentiments and wishes for the people and the Government of Nepal on behalf of the people of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz also extended an invitation to the Nepalese prime minister to visit Pakistan. —RT/Agency

of the people of Pakistan.

## Lt. Gen. Muhammad Ali Appointed As New Defense Secretary



ISLAMABAD: Lt. Gen. Muhammad Ali has been appointed as Defense Secretary of Pakistan and will assume his duties from October 1, media reported on Friday.

The federal government appointed Lieutenant General Muhammad Ali as the

## Law And Constitution Under Threat, Warns Shibli Faraz

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Shibli Faraz said that the law and constitution were under threat in the country.

Talking to the media alongside Sheikh Waqas Akram, Faraz said the Toshakhana case had been registered four times against the PTI founder Imran Khan.

He claimed that despite all efforts to convict Khan, he remained strong both mentally and physically, and even if sentenced, the decision would likely be overturned in a higher court.

Faraz further expressed concerns over the ongoing detention of Bushra Bibi, describing her as a non-political figure who is being illegally kept in jail as a means to coerce the PTI leadership.

"There is no justice for even the most prominent figures in the country, so what hope can a common person have?" Faraz questioned.

The country's political, legal, and constitutional framework is being exploited for the benefit of a specific ruling group.

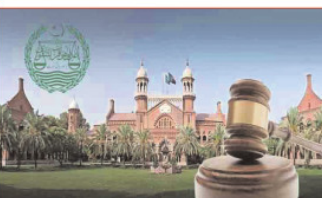


He condemned the recent constitutional amendments, calling them "satanic amendments," meant to manipulate the electoral process and secure power for the ruling elite.

Sheikh Waqas Akram, another prominent PTI leader and central spokesperson, repeated Faraz's concerns, accusing the current government of introducing constitutional amendments solely to harm Imran Khan and his party.

"These amendments are aimed at further weakening PTI, but as long as we exist, we will oppose these changes with all our might," Akram added. —RT/Agency

## LHC Demands Federal Government's Response On NAB Amendment Via Presidential Ordinance



LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) has sought response issuing notice to the federal government and other parties in a case against NAB amendment via presidential ordinance.

The court has also called the attorney general in the next hearing of the case for judicial assistance.

## Pakistan Emphasizes Strengthening Cooperative Ties With Iraq

NEW YORK: Pakistan and Iraq on Friday agreed to further deepen and broaden the scope of existing bilateral ties and exploit the potential of enhancing mutually beneficial cooperation between both countries.

The bilateral ties were discussed in a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Iraqi counterpart Mohammad Shia' Al Sudani on the sidelines of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly here.

The prime minister lauded the cordial ties between the two brotherly countries, reinforced by strong historical, cultural and religious affinities.



He also commended the excellent arrangements made by the government of Iraq for

the Pakistani pilgrims. The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. They noted with grave concern the ongoing Israeli carnage on Gaza and the ensuing humanitarian catastrophe. Prime Minister Shehbaz reiterated Pakistan's call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and holding Is-

rael accountable for the genocide. Underlining the commonality of views on international issues, both the leaders resolved to reinforce the international efforts both at the UN and OIC platforms for immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and unimpeded supply of humanitarian assistance to Palestinian brethren. —RT/Agency

# THE HEARTLAND



## PPP MNA Khursheed Ahmed Junejo holds meeting with party leaders and workers in Shahdadkot

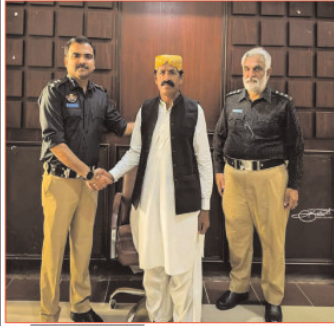
SHAHADKOT: PPP leader and elected MNA Khursheed Ahmed Junejo visited Shahdadkot, where he held a meeting with party workers to understand their issues. During his visit, MNA Khursheed Ahmed Junejo also offered condolences to various communities in the area. He conducted a meeting with PPP officials and workers, attended by Taluka President Mir Asif Ali Laghari, Vice President Sirai Darya Khan Mastoi, General Secretary Raees Wajid Khan Chandio, and many other officials and workers.



In the meeting, he listened to the concerns of the workers and gathered information about developmental schemes. While addressing

the gathering, Khursheed Ahmed Junejo emphasized that the issues of workers and the public would be resolved on a priority basis. He noted that the strength of the PPP stems from the sacrifices of its workers and the public. Additionally, a delegation from PPP City, led by Sirai Qurban Soomro, met with him, during which he also expressed apologies to various communities --RT

## SSP Dr Samiullah Soomro felicitates newly promoted Sub-Inspector Muhammad Bachal Gopang



By M Iqbal Soomro

THARI MIRWAH: In Sindh Police, the SSP of Khairpur, Dr. Samiullah Soomro, congratulated Muhammad Bachal Gopang on his promotion to Sub-Inspector, recognizing his excellent performance in the Branch. SSP Soomro emphasized that a crackdown against criminals and drug dealers in Khairpur district is ongoing, ensuring that no criminal or drug dealer will be spared. He also praised the role of the Special Branch in maintaining law and order in the region.

## Sindh Minister Ali Hassan Zardari pledges enhanced facilities for inmates

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: In a visit to Central Jail Karachi, Sindh's Provincial Minister for Works, Services, and Prisons, Ali Hassan Zardari, assessed prison conditions to align with the Pakistan People's Party's (PPP) vision of rehabilitation and skill development, inspired by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.



Zardari toured the juvenile and women's sections, inspected the kitchen, and listened to prisoners' grievances, emphasizing the government's commitment to improving inmate conditions. He highlighted that his efforts reflect the PPP's ongoing dedication to social justice and human rights.

During the visit, he focused on women inmates' ability and living standards. Prisoners expressed gratitude for the minister's attention, welcoming the positive reforms as part of the Bhutto legacy committed to human dignity and rehabilitation. Zardari pledged essential amenities, including better food and healthcare. He announced plans to introduce solar power systems in prisons, aiming to enhance sustainability.

## Concluding ceremony of Nutrition Care Synergies Conference and Exhibition held at SALU

By Naeem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: The two-day landmark event, Nutrition Care Synergies: Experience Sharing and Innovations Showcase, concluded at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, with a vibrant closing ceremony. The event, organized by the International Rescue Committee (IRC), in collaboration with the Students Societies Center, showcased groundbreaking innovations and collaborative efforts addressing key nutritional issues. The closing event was marked by inspiring speeches, performances, and recognition of collective efforts. Mr. Carlo De Rosa, First Secretary and Development Advisor for Rural Development and Nutrition at the European Union Mission in Pakistan, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Meritorious Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yousuf Khushk, for providing a vital platform for this event. He appreciated the 16 CSOs that showcased their work during the conference and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration between universities and CSOs in the future. Mr. Carlo also applauded the voluntary efforts of the



students from the Food and Nutrition Society working at the Students Societies Center, acknowledging their dedication and active participation throughout the event. On behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ali Raza Lashari, Incharge of the Students Societies Center, extended sincere thanks to Mr. Carlo, Madam Shabnam Baloch (Country Director IRC), and Dr. Rano Mal (Provincial Coordinator IRC) for choosing Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur as the host venue for this mega event and collaborating with our Societies. Dr. Lashari conveyed the Vice Chancellor's message, assuring IRC and EU administration that the university will introduce a course on food and nutrition, after securing statutory approvals from relevant forums. The event also featured the participation of prominent figures, including Shaharukh, ADC-II Khairpur; Amer Fazal, DC Kashmir, Ishatsham ul Haque and Sajid Iqbal from MERF, Faheem and Irshad from SPO, and university faculty members such as Prof. Dr. Taj Muhammad Lashari.

## Daulatpur man demands justice for his arrested nephews



By Aijaz Johkio

DAULATPUR: In a press conference at the Daulatpur Press Club, Murtaza Otho from the village of Nango Shah Sindh, DIG, and SSP Shaheed Benazirabad dismissed the false charges against his relatives and take legal action against Azizullah Otho. He warned that if justice is not served, they will approach the courts. He legally blocked the street in front of his sister's house and attempted to evict his family to seize their land. Murtaza Otho called on the IG Sindh, DIG, and SSP Shaheed Benazirabad to dismiss the false charges against his relatives and take legal action against Azizullah Otho. He warned that if justice is not served, they will approach the courts.

## Transferred SAU employees protest for issuance of their withheld salaries

By Irfan Ali Khushk

TANDO JAM: In Tando Jam, employees of Sindh Agricultural University staged a protest in front of the university's main gate against the forced transfer to Larkana University and the non-payment of salaries for the past eight months. As the employees attempted to protest outside the Vice Chancellor's secretariat, university security, along with guards and police, stopped them from entering the campus.



The employees remained at the main gate, voicing their grievances over the non-payment of salaries and the forced transfers. They expressed to the media that the university administration violated rules and regulations

by transferring them to Larkana University, and their salaries had been halted as a result. He mentioned that the lack of salary had led to dire economic conditions, affecting their children's education due to the inability to pay school fees. They stated that shopkeepers were refusing to provide goods on credit, leading to food shortages at home. During the protest, an employee's son, Owais Langah, fell ill and was taken to the Rural Health Center for medical assistance. Meanwhile, the university administration has yet to provide any response regarding the ongoing protests and sit-ins by the employees.

## DC Mukhtiar Ali Abro chairs meeting of District Oversight Committee



By Javed Laghari

DADU: A meeting of the District Oversight Committee chaired by Deputy Commissioner Mukhtiar Ali Abro was held at the DC office to discuss the poor condition of 53 primary, elementary, and secondary schools in Dadu district. The meeting revealed that a budget of PKR 117.6 million is needed to complete the

construction of these schools. Abro highlighted the importance of educational improvement for the region's development, noting that teachers continue their work even in tent schools, demonstrating their commitment. The meeting was attended by various educational officials and emphasized that enhancing education is a priority for the district. Complaints against the education department were raised, prompting the Deputy Commissioner to demand accountability and swift resolution of these issues. He instructed education officers to submit a report within 15 days regarding the needs of the schools and emphasized the urgency of improving educational facilities.

## Hingorja Youth Forum organizes a program on Dr Azhar Ali Shah's book



By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: A program on the book "Intellectual Dialogue on Science, Literature, and Art" was held at Town Committee Park in Hingorja, organized by the Hingorja Youth Forum, featuring renowned scholar and Pro Vice Chancellor of Sindh University Campus, Dr. Syed Azhar Ali Shah, who was the writer of the book. A large number of participants from social, literary, and journalis-

tic circles attended the event. In his address, the chief guest, Dr. Azhar Ali Shah, emphasized that science sharpens our minds, while literature and art enhance our spiritual abilities. He noted the interconnection among these fields is essential for building a better individual and society. He urged the youth to focus more on reading books rather than being overly engaged with social media, stating that the development of society depends on the constructive growth of its youth, who should adopt positive trends to counter negativity. Educationist and intellectuals including Nisar Ahmed Memon, Imdad Hussain Soomro, Haji Aijaz Ahmed Mallah, Haji Shahdad Khan Bhagat, President of the Khairpur Journalists' Alliance, Ghulam Hussain Chang and others also attended the program.

## Throat disease results in death of children in Thana Bula Khan



By Shoukat Khaskholi

THANA BULA KHAN: In the village of Adam Shoro in UC Mol, nine children have died in the past two months due to a throat disease, with many more currently affected. The deceased children, aged between 2 to 9 years, experienced severe symptoms, leading to fatalities within days of illness onset. Notable cases include a 3-year-old girl, a 5-year-old boy, and a 9-year-old boy, among others. Currently, one child is hospitalized in Karachi's Jinnah Hospital. Local residents have expressed concerns that the government hospital's doctor only visited once, providing limited treatment that did not help. They are urging for emergency measures and investigation into the disease's cause to prevent further deaths.

## Oad community man demands justice over his wife's second marriage

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: In a press conference at the Sakrand Press Club, Ameer S/o Kaman Oad stated that he married Rehana, daughter of Sodor Oad, in 2004, and they have one daughter and three sons. Two years ago, his brother-in-law Anwar took him and his family to Nawabshah for safety. However, when Ameer returned to collect Rehana, Anwar and others refused to let her go, threatening him instead. Recently, Ameer learned via social media that Rehana had remarried Khan Mal, which he claims is unjust as he has not divorced her. He is against those involved demanding that the Sindh government, including his wife,



## Journalist Imam Bux Mangrio demands justice in land dispute

By Khadim Khaskholi

SANGHAR: A senior journalist named Imam Bux Mangrio while addressing a press conference at the Sinjhoro Press Club said that he had purchased home from Maqsood Khari

and his brothers in village Bashirabad but now he is not giving him documents of the sold property. He is living in the purchased home after getting possession but now he is being threatened and his children have also been expelled from the Madrasa. The area police has refused to take action in this regard. He demanded of the concerned authorities to take notice of the matter and provide justice to him in the property dispute.





## The Disturbing Normalization of Floor Crossing in Pakistan

The recent defection of PTI MNA Adil Khan Bazai to the PML-N ahead of proposed constitutional amendments is yet another troubling example of how floor crossing has become an accepted norm in Pakistan's political landscape. This practice, which blatantly disregards the people's mandate, makes a mockery of democratic values. The lack of any meaningful consequences for switching party loyalties highlights the moral bankruptcy within the system, where elected officials are allowed to trade allegiances with impunity.

The act of floor crossing is not just a personal decision for political gain, but a betrayal of the

voters who trusted the candidate to represent their interests under a specific political platform. Adil Bazai's decision undermines the in-



tegrity of the democratic process and raises serious questions about the ethical standards of our elected officials. Democracy thrives on accountability and the sanctity of the people's vote, both of which are severely compromised when such actions are taken without any repercussions.

Instead of condemning this undemocratic

practice, the current government appears to condone and even encourage it for political advantage. This is not only shortsighted but morally indefensible. A government that claims to stand for constitutional reform should be the first to reject floor crossing. If democracy is to survive in Pakistan, we must introduce stringent measures that punish such behavior and discourage party switching. The people deserve leaders who remain committed to their platform and the values they pledged to uphold.

Without this accountability, our democracy remains fragile, and the will of the people continues to be trampled for the sake of political expediency.

## THE HEARTLAND



### JSQM demands justice for Dr Shahnawaz Kumbhar

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

**KHAIRPUR:** Jeay Sindh Quami Mahaz (JSQM) staged a protest demonstration outside the Khairpur Press Club against the Umerkot incident and rising religious extremism in Sindh.

According to details, JSQM organized a protest on Friday in front of the Khairpur Press Club, condemning the murder of Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar from Umerkot. The protest was led by JSQM leaders Akbar Makol, Jameel Lashari, Ejaz Phulpoto, Mushtaq Shaikh, Zaid Phulpoto, and others.

The protesters stated that Sindh is a land of peace, and they will never accept reli-



gious extremism in the province. They emphasized that they were protesting to seek justice for the blood of Shahnawaz. They further stated that Sindh has always been a land of peace, love, and tolerance, but it is a tragedy when protectors of

the people are killed in fake police encounters without any crime or guilt. The protesters urged higher authorities to ensure justice for Shahnawaz Kumbhar by registering a case against those responsible for his murder.

### Khaskheli community protests against youth's arrest



Murtaza Panhwar

**MEHAR:** The residents of Zahidabad village in Yusuf Bothro, including Ghulam Hussain Khaskheli, Dilbar Shamsah Khatoon, and others, protested at the Mehar Press Club, stating that last night, Thari Mohabbat police, led by officer Sharafuddin and others, raided their homes and committed violence. They reported that the

police took their belongings, one lac rupees in cash, and arrested a young man named Ajaz Khaskheli.

The protesters emphasized that they are poor and have no enmity with anyone. They appealed to the IG Sindh and SSP Dadu for help against police brutality, violence, and the release of the arrested young man.

### Five of a family injured in gas leak explosion

By GM Chandio

**HYDERABAD:** An explosion due to a gas leak occurred at the residence of Naeem Arain, a general councillor in UC 50, Sakhi Pir, injuring five individuals, including women. The incident took place while they were using a machine to obtain gas due to low pressure.

The injured were rushed to the burn ward of the

Civil Hospital. Local leaders and residents, including PTI District Vice President Shoaib Shaukat and various councilors, visited the hospital to check on the victims and ensure they received adequate medical care. Three individuals with severe burns were referred to Karachi for treatment.

Shoaib Shaukat criticized the government for failing to provide basic necessities to the public, while Sufyan Ali Siddiqui high-

lighted the lack of a burn hospital in Hyderabad, forcing many to be referred to Karachi. He expressed frustration over the lack of timely medical facilities leading to loss of life. Prince Farooq Khan emphasized the public's distress due to power, water, and gas shortages, calling the government responsible for such tragic incidents and suggesting that if they cannot meet basic needs, they should resign.

### 40th Graduation Ceremony of Lower School Course held at PTS Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

**LARKANA:** A disciplined parade at the training institute saluted SSP Larkana where Principal of PTS Larkana, SP Raja Mahmood Hassan, warmly welcomed the SSP.

SSP Larkana Mir Rohail Khan Khoso participated as the chief guest at the 40th Graduation Ceremony of the Lower School Course. While addressing the graduating police recruits, he stated, "You are the reflection of the police department, so focus on your turnout while performing your duties in your districts and strive to bring a



good name to the department. He extended congratulations on behalf of the brave Inspector General of Police Sindh, Ghulam Nabi Memon, to all the passing-

out recruits. The graduating recruits hailed from Larkana, Qambar-Shahdadkot, Kashmore Kandhkot, Shikarpur, and Jacobabad districts.

### LHWs protest against DHO Tando Allahyar



By Afaq Khanzada

**TANDO ALLAHYAR:** Lady Health Workers staged a protest demonstration outside the DC office against the alleged misconduct of the DHO, Amin Bhatti. Led by provincial president Haliman

Laghari, the rally saw a large turnout, with participants chanting slogans demanding the DHO's removal. They voiced concerns about their rights being ignored and reported disrespectful treatment from the DHO. The workers high-

lighted issues like lack of fuel allowances and called for immediate action from health authorities to remove the corrupt DHO. After discussions with ADC-I Ibrahim Almani, the protest was concluded with assurances of justice.

### 302nd annual Urs of Makhdoom Abdul Rehman Hashmi Shaheed celebrated in Khuhra Sharif



By Naeem Shaikh

**KHAIRPUR:** The third session of the 302nd annual Urs Mubarak of Makhdoom Abdul Rehman Hashmi Shaheed was held at the Government Abdul Rehman Shaheed Girls Degree College, Khuhra.

The event was graced by the presence of the custodian of the Dargah Khuhra Sharif as the chief guest. The college principal, Fozia Anjum, along with professors Syed Ali Raza Shah Jilani, Muhammad Akram Arain, Ghaus Bakhsh Jokhio, Wazir Ali Ajin, Fakhar-un-Nisa Ab-

basi (Principal of High School Khuhra), Mehr-un-Nisa Khilji, Madam Ruqaya, Fozia Abro, and Saba Javed Mughal, among other professors, lecturers, staff, students, and parents, attended the event in large numbers.

On this occasion, the principal presented Ajrak gifts to Makhdoom Nadeem Ahmed Hashmi and other guests. The students presented Quranic recitations, Naat and supplications. Awards were distributed among students who secured first, second, and third positions in the competitions.

### Sunni Rabta Council holds Mehfil Zikr-e-Muhammad Mustafa (SAWW)

By Kamran Hidayat

**SUJAWAL:** The Sunni Rabta Council Sujawal organized Mehfil Zikr-e-Muhammad Mustafa (SAWW) at Farooq Azam Chowk, featuring special guest Aillama Pir Abdul Khaliq Chachar. The event also included Naat reciter Hafiz Irshad Ahmed Katchar and young Naat reciter Umar Farooq, who captivated the audience with their



melodious tributes to the Holy Prophet (SAWW) (RA).

side had been grazing their livestock on their crops, leading to the conflict. In contrast, the Noohani side stated that they had given permission for the grazing and were attacked without provocation. Area police arrived at the scene to prevent further violence. As of the report's filing, no case had been registered, and no arrests had been made.

The Mehkani community claimed that the Noohani

**3rd death anniversary of Late Seth Waisan Mal Kalai observed**

**By Shams Palari**

**NOORIBAD:** In the ancient city of Kalo Khohar, a commemorative event was held for the third anniversary of social worker Late Seth Waisan Mal Kalai. His sons, Seth Prasaram Das, Hirish Kumar, Khubchand Suraj, and Rajesh Kumar Prasaram Das, organized a simple remembrance ceremony at their father's birthplace.

As part of the observance, cooked food was distributed among the local impoverished laborers and farmers, with hundreds of people participating in the event.



### Awareness seminar on harassment held for TMK students

By Abdul Sattar

**TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN:** Raising awareness about undesirable behaviors in society is crucial for children, many of whom unknowingly become victims of sexual harassment.

This was highlighted by Deputy Director Muhammad Naeem Soomro and others at a seminar on child sexual exploitation at Government Primary School Karimabad. They stressed the need to educate children on how to react to inappropriate behavior, such as calling for help and informing parents or school authorities. Soomro also distributed informational pamphlets to the children, emphasizing the moral duty to protect them from sexual exploitation.

# SPORTS



## Lahore Qalandars COO discusses player signing challenges amid PSL and IPL overlap



LAHORE: Chief Operating Officer (COO) of two-time Pakistan Super League (PSL) champions Lahore Qalandars Sameen Rana discussed the scheduling changes for PSL 10 due to the 2025 Champions Trophy, which is set to take place in February-March.

For the first time, the PSL will not be held in its traditional time slot, leading officials to move the tournament to earlier dates.

"Due to the Champions Trophy, the PSL will not occur in its usual time frame for the first time; therefore, the dates for the PSL will be pushed forward."

However, we are pleased that the ICC event is taking place in Pakistan. We pray for its success and look forward to witnessing the star players from all eight teams in action on our home ground," Rana said in an interview.

The tenth edition of PSL will coincide with the IPL for the first time, creating challenges and opportunities, as players not participating in the IPL will be available for an extended period without overlapping events.

"The upcoming edition of the PSL will coincide with the IPL for the first time, presenting a unique challenge."

"This overlap will provide a new experience, as no other cricket events will be taking place during that time, allowing players not participating in the IPL to be available for a longer duration," he said.—Agency

## Kylian Mbappe sets goal for his return from injury



The Real Madrid star Kylian Mbappe is set to play the biggest match against Barcelona after making a comeback.

Earlier on Tuesday, the French superstar had to leave the field during the match against Alaves due to discomfort.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid ended up victorious with a 3-2 win over Alaves.

Speaking in the post-match presentation, Coach Carlo Ancelotti described it as a "knock."

"Mbappe asked to be substituted to avoid any problems," he said.

With regards to this, Marca revealed insights about the French professional player on Thursday.

Following tests carried out today by Real Madrid's medical services, Mbappe was diagnosed with an injury to the biceps femoris in his left leg.

The French superstar, ESPN reported citing sources, is expected to be on hiatus for three weeks, leading him to miss games with Lille in Champions League and Villarreal in La Liga and the international break with France.

Despite being injured, the French captain is still not ready to damage his ambitions.

It is worth noting that this comes amid confirmation that the former Paris Saint-Germain standout is set to make a comeback.

As per Marca, Mbappe is expected to mark his comeback against Celta Vigo on October 19.

However, the French star's main goal is to be fully fit for a big clash against Barcelona on October 26 - the most crucial match of the season's first edition of El Clasico at the Santiago Bernabeu.—Agency

## Face of the Day



**Name: Ahmed Raza**  
**Location: Karachi**  
**About me: I love taking selfies!**

Please email us your photo for our Model Watch and Kids' Corner section at regionaltimes10@gmail.com

## New Zealand stumble after Sri Lanka's run fest in second Test

GALLE: New Zealand were in a state of bother at the Stumps on Day 2 of the second Test after Sri Lanka piled up a humongous total, courtesy of centuries from Dinesh Chandimal, Kusal Mendis and rising star Kamindu Mendis.

The hosts declared their first innings at 602/5, minutes before the Stumps and after an unbeaten 200-run partnership between Kamindu and Kusal.

The visitors had a shaky start to their innings as they lost both their openers Tom Latham (2) and Devon Conway (9) inside nine overs.

Skipper Kane Williamson (6) and nightwatchman Ajaz Patel (0) did well to survive the remaining 5.4 overs and will now resume New Zealand's innings at 22/2 on the third day.

Sri Lanka resumed their first innings at 306/3 with Mathews and Kamindu, unbeaten on 78 and 51 respectively.

The duo managed to add just 22 runs to their overnight



partnership as Mathews perished for 88 as Glenn Phillips got him caught at square leg by William O'Rourke.

Dhananjaya de Silva joined Kamindu briefly for a 74-run partnership for the fifth wicket before he too, fell victim to Phillips.

The skipper made 40 off 80 deliveries, hitting three fours and a six.

This was Phillips' third wicket in the innings as he cleaned up Dinesh Chandimal on 116 in the third session of the opening day.

But New Zealand's hopes of some fightback with the ball were dashed by a well-crafted partnership between Kamindu and Kusal.

When Sri Lanka captain de Silva called for the declaration, Kamindu was just 18 away from his maiden double century, while Kusal had just amassed his 10th Test century.

During his marathon 182-run knock, Kamindu breached the 1000 Test runs barrier.—Agency

## Bangladeshi fan Tiger Roby 'thrashed' by Indian team's supporters



KANPUR: A Bangladeshi fan attending the India-Bangladesh Test match in Kanpur on Friday was rushed to the hospital after allegedly being heckled and assaulted inside the stadium, reported India's PTI news agency.

The fan, known as "Tiger Roby," was dressed in a tiger costume - the emblem of the Bangladesh cricket team - and was standing in the C Block balcony of Green Park Stadium, where the incident took place.

A clip on PTI Videos showed the fan being carried out of the stadium by medical officials and security personnel. He was later seated on a chair and given water.

In another account, PTI, quoting police, reported that the fan was not assaulted but suffered from dehydration.

A follow-up report by PTI claimed that Roby was hospitalised after falling ill. "He was gasping for breath when he met a constable. He became unconscious before we could speak to him, but now he is fine," Additional Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Harish Chander was quoted as saying in the PTI report.

However, a journalist covering the game told media that the fan was manhandled, though not beaten or assaulted.

"Tiger Roby was manhandled after he angered Indian fans by insulting some of their players. They tried to snatch the Bangladesh flag from him, and he was slightly hit. He wasn't beaten, nor was it a case of dehydration. He did get hit slightly, but then he overdramatised the incident," the journalist told this correspondent.—Agency

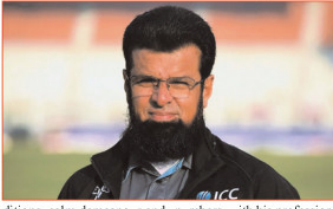
## Veteran cricket umpire Aleem Dar calls it a day

LAHORE: Aleem Dar has decided to put an end to his umpiring career at the end of the Pakistan Cricket Board's 2024-25 domestic season, concluding a career that spanned for nearly a quarter of a century, the PCB said in a statement on Friday.

Dar was a true gentleman for cricketers and fans both on and off the field and was awarded the highly prestigious David Shepherd Trophy for ICC Umpire of the Year three times from 2009 to 2011.

As for his cricket playing career, the maestro played 17 first-class and 18 List-A games from the year 1986 to 1988, then went on to umpiring games from the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy in 1998-99.

From 2003 to 2023, he served on the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires, where he earned a reputation for his player management skills, understanding of the playing con-



ditions, calm demeanour and outstanding decision-making.

He is currently part of the PCB's Elite Panel and remains one of four Pakistani umpires on the ICC's International Panel, making him eligible to officiate in ODIs and T20Is.

To date, Dar has officiated in a record-breaking 145 Tests, 231 ODIs, 72 T20Is, 5 WT20Is, 181 first-class matches, and 282 List-A matches.

"His contributions to the sport extend far beyond these numbers, with his professionalism and respectful manner making him a beloved figure worldwide," the statement read.

Reflecting on his decision to retire, the maestro of the umpiring world said: "Umpiring has been my life for nearly 25 years and I have cherished the privilege of officiating some of the most iconic matches involving the greatest players of this generation," Dar remarked.

"Throughout my career, I've strived to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, and it has been an honour to work alongside some of the finest match officials in the world."

"However, all great journeys must eventually come to an end, and the time has come for me to focus fully on my social and charity work. My hospital project and other initiatives are very close to my heart and require my full devotion and attention."

Dar acknowledged the support he has had from his colleagues during his journey further adding that it is the right time to hang the boots.

"Having achieved almost everything that I had aspired to in umpiring with the unwavering support of my peers and colleagues, I also feel it's the right moment to step aside and allow emerging umpires to shine.—Agency

## Alvarez strikes late to earn Atletico win at Celta Vigo



A late goal from Julian Alvarez earned Atletico Madrid a dramatic 1-0 win at Celta de Vigo on Thursday to lift them to third place in the LaLiga standings.

Atletico avoided a second straight draw to move up to 15 points, one clear of Villarreal and two behind Real Madrid, who they host on Sunday. Barcelona lead the table on 18 points.

Big-money signing Alvarez struck in the final minute of regular time with a close-range finish from the pinpoint cross by Antoine Griezmann to register his second goal of the season.

"It was a very important win on a very difficult pitch. Little by little we found ourselves better in the match," Alvarez told DAZN.

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## Markhors qualify for final as Eliminator two washed out due to rain

FAISALABAD: The Markhors have qualified for the Champions One-Day Cup final as the Eliminator two against the Lions called off due to rain at the Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad on Friday.

According to the qualifying conditions in case of rain or other unforeseen obstacles in the play-offs, the team with the higher standing at the conclusion of the league games, would qualify for the final of the event.

As per these conditions, the Markhors, led by Muhammad Rizwan, topped the charts with three wins, one loss and 38



points whereas the Lions, led by Shaheen Afridi, were placed on the fourth spot with one win and three losses and 12 points.

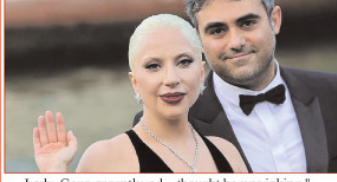
Markhors will now face the Panthers in the final, scheduled for Sunday (September 29) at the Iqbal Stadium.

The Markhors and the Panthers have faced each other twice in the tournament with their latest encounter being the Qualifier 1 where the former lost by seven wickets and the Shadab Khan-led Panthers eased their way into the final of the Champions One-Day Cup.

Their previous face-off was on September 12 where the Rizwan-led Markhors registered a 160-run victory against the Shadab-led team.

Kamran Ghulam's 115 runs helped the Markhors put up a 348-run target against the Panthers and Naseem Shah's and Akif Javed's bowling prowess - they took three wickets each - added Rizwan and Co in bowling out the Panthers on 187 runs.—Agency

## Lady Gaga reflects on accidentally revealing engagement to Michael Polansky



Lady Gaga recently admitted that she and fiancé Michael Polansky tried to keep news of their engagement secret at first, but then accidentally let it slip.

Gaga spilled the beans during an appearance on Friday's Graham Norton Show, where she was joined by The Penguin star Colin Farrell, The Substance star Demi Moore and musicians Jack Savoretti and Miles Kane.

The Poker Face hitmaker recalled how she accidentally revealed her engagement by introducing Michael as 'my fiancé' when they met the French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal during the Paris Olympics.

When the Prime Minister shared the video of the meeting, the news was out.

She told Graham: "He proposed on April 1st, and I thought he was joking."

"Then when we went to the Olympics, we were filmed saying hello to the Prime Minister and I was caught on camera saying 'This is my fiancé'. I had wanted to keep it a secret."

Gaga was on the show to promote her upcoming film Joker: Folie à Deux, in which she plays Harley Quinn against Joaquin Phoenix's Joker.

Talking about the movie, she said: "It breaks genre in many ways - it's funny, it's a drama, there's dance, there's music, and everything conspires to make this unique and special film."

Joker: Folie à Deux is a musical, and the Alejandro singer and Joaquin Phoenix had to sing live while filming.

## Kendall Jenner to use Bad Bunny as 'sacrificial lamb'



Kendall Jenner reportedly has nothing to do with Bad Bunny as she has decided to let go of the musician for good, but her mother Kris Jenner disagrees.

As per the latest findings of Life & Style, the matriarch wants to exploit Bad Bunny and her daughter's breakup to get ratings for their show, The Kardashians.

The insider began, "Kendall was protective of the relationship when things were going well."

They also added, "but she's decided she's done, so she no longer cares about keeping things private."

"She definitely wanted to send a message by sitting so far apart," the source, confided and claimed, "She'll be thrilled to milk this breakup for ratings."

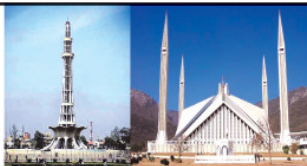
Before signing off from the chat, the source also revealed, "Kendall's always under pressure to deliver a storyline, and unfortunately Bunny is the sacrificial lamb."

This report comes as a shock to fans as in a recent chat with Vogue France, Kendall shared her approach to relationships and admitted that she has always admired supermodel Christy Turlington and her approach towards her career.

"I spent a lot of time looking at her face as a kid. She seemed so calm and collected. I really appreciated her energy through it all. And it feels like life outside modelling and family were really important to her," Kendall told the outlet.

"Relationships mean so much to me, and I can't wait to have a life with someone one day, to have kids, to create a family. Christy just gives good vibes. Maybe she cared a little bit less! I think that's really cool," she continued at the time.

# NATIONAL



## No Consensus Between JUI-F And PTI On Constitutional Amendments, Says Murtaza

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Senator Kamran Murtaza Friday rejected the impression of finalising a joint draft for constitutional amendments with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Exclusively talking to media, Kamran Murtaza said JUI-F has its point of view on the proposed constitutional amendments and the impression of working jointly with PTI for constitutional amendments draft is baseless. "No consensus with government or PTI on the constitutional amendments yet," the JUI-F senator said. Referring to Bilawal Bhattu Zardari's meeting with Fazlur Rehman, the lawmaker said the PPP has not contacted them so far. He also regretted the 'differences' between the SC judges.—RT/Agency

## Jamaat-E-Islami Announces Nationwide Sit-Ins

LAHORE: Following the announcement of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, the party announced protests on major highways across Pakistan as the government failed to implement Rawalpindi Agreement, media reported on Friday. During an emergency meeting at Mansoorah, attended by party leadership from central and provincial cities online, JI Chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman criticized the government for only taking "cosmetic measures" in the past 45 days. He emphasized that JI rejects these superficial steps and will hold sit-ins on key highways this Sunday [September 29]. Hafiz Naeem demanded immediate relief on electricity bills for the entire country and urged the government to implement uniform tariffs based on the actual cost of production. He also called for practical actions concerning Independent Power Producers (IPPs) agreements, instead of mere public statements.—RT/Agency

## Supreme Court Schedules Hearing For Article 63-A Review Case

ISLAMABAD: A case of Article 63-A review has been fixed for hearing in the Supreme Court. A five-member bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa would hear the case on Monday. The bench includes Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Jamal Mandokhail and Justice Mazhar Alam Miankhal. It is pertinent to note that SC judgment on May 17, 2022 on presidential reference for explanation of Article 63-A stated that any vote of parliamentarian against party policy would not be considered. Parliament was responsible to decide on the duration of life-time disqualification or disqualification, SC order stated. A five-member bench headed by then chief justice Umar Ata Bandial heard the presidential reference and the verdict was delivered by a 3-2 majority of a full bench. Various review applications were filed on this matter but no application had been provided.—RT/Agency

## Punjab Government Imposes Section 144 Ahead Of PTI's Rawalpindi Power Show

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Friday imposed Section 144 in Rawalpindi for two days, banning public gatherings, ahead of a PTI rally scheduled in the city on the weekend. Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure is a legal provision that empowers district administrations to prohibit an assembly of four or more people in an area for a limited period. It is usually imposed to prevent potential disturbances, maintain law and order, and curb any activities that might escalate into violence. On September 23, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan informed at a press conference that the party would hold a rally in Rawalpindi on September 28. He said that his party had applied for a no-object certificate (NOC) and requested that the Punjab government grant it. However, PTI founder Imran Khan on Thursday announced that his party would not hold a rally in Rawalpindi on September 28, stating that the decision was made due to an apprehension that the government would not allow his party to hold the event in the city and designate a location in the suburbs as the venue. He said that instead of a rally, the party would stage protests and PTI lawyers would hold a demonstration outside the Supreme Court.—RT/Agency

## Experts Advocate For Creative Strategies To Tackle Pakistan's Water Crisis

ISLAMABAD: Experts gathered at a National Consultative Workshop on Friday to discuss the importance of evidence-based technological solutions and accurate real-time data. Hosted by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), the event demanded smart innovations to effectively manage the nation's water resources. The workshop, hosted under the Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme, aimed to support the implementation of the National Water Policy (NWP). It welcomed over 100 participants, including government officials, representatives from development agencies, private sector leaders, academia, and members of local communities from all provinces and regions. Throughout the event, discussions and presentations revolved around Pakistan's water scarcity challenges and the successful strategies implemented through the WRAP Programme in Punjab and KP. Dr. Mohsin Hafeez, Director for Water, Food and Ecosystems and Team Leader for the WRAP Programme, briefed the meeting on water accounting in Pakistan and its role. He said that our national institutions, such as the National Disaster Management Authority



and Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), have a robust system in place to handle unfortunate incidents in the country. However, regrettably, they lack an early warning system to prevent floods and disasters. He cited other examples, including the country's inaccurate groundwater data, which hinder proper decision-making regarding water management. While giving an overview of the WRAP programme, Dr. Hafeez said IWMI Pakistan had developed a water accounting framework in the Okara district and launched the Groundwater Management Information System (GMIS) to address water scarcity in Punjab province. The phased system was initially implemented as a pilot project in the Rahim Yar Khan and Okara districts, with plans to gradually expand to other cities. Earlier, Eddy Covari-

## Gilani Invites Global Tourists To Discover The Beauty Of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday called on tourists from around the world to explore Pakistan's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Gilani, in his message on the World Tourism Day, said, "Pakistan is rich in natural beauty, and by promoting tourism, we can create employment opportunities and contribute to the overall prosperity of our nation." He highlighted the significance of Pakistan in religious tourism, noting that the country was home to important religious sites for Buddhists, Sikhs, and Hindus, attracting pilgrims from across the globe. "Allah Almighty has blessed Pakistan with stunning mountains, high-altitude ranges, deserts, rivers, and scenic regions," he added.—RT/Agency

## Sahiwal Hospital Doctors Found Playing Ludo While Patients Await Care

SAHIWAL: A shocking video goes viral on social media in which the doctors at a teaching hospital in Sahiwal can be seen playing Ludo during duty hours which sparked outrage among citizens, media reported on Friday. The footage revealed one male and two female doctors engaged in the game while ignoring pleas from a patient's attendants for medical attention. Despite repeated requests from the distressed citizens, the doctors reportedly mocking the individuals seeking help and called security staff who forcibly removed the doctor from the room. The patient's attendants are calling on Punjab's Chief Minister and Health Minister to take immediate action against the doctors involved in this negligence.—RT/Agency

## IHC Directs Ministry Of Interior To Lift Shibli Faraz's Name From ECL

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed the Ministry of Interior to remove Shibli Faraz's name from the Exit Control List (ECL) within one week. Justice Jahanjiri remarked on why Shibli Faraz didn't raise the matter in the National Assembly being a parliamentarian. Shibli Faraz's lawyer replied that nothing was happening there, in fact the speaker also agreed with this stance. The court directed to remove Shibli Faraz's name from ECL within a week and update the court about this matter. The court ordered the appearance of the Home secretary in personal capacity if the court order wasn't implemented. The court has adjourned the case hearing until one week.—RT/Agency

## LHC Imposes Fines For Littering On Roads

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court has ordered for enforcement of fine against those throwing garbage on roads. LHC Justice Shahid Karim heard the applications for smog mitigation. The Judicial Water Commission informed the court that dead chicken meat was being sold in Tollinton Market and action against those involved in this crime was needed. The LDA lawyer stated that they conducted operation in Tollinton Market yesterday and on-boarding of Tollinton Market Association was desired. Selling dead chicken meat was a legal offence. Justice Karim remarked that some restaurants were selling their water and its sale shouldn't be allowed if it didn't comply with Pakistani standards. Relevant authorities must take this matter under consideration, the court observed. Justice Karim remarked that extreme temperature in September was quite concerning as it's a result of climate change. LHC stated that half of the pollution would be reduced if lanes on roads were followed. The court has ordered a fine on throwing garbage on roads and not following lane traffic rules.—RT/Agency

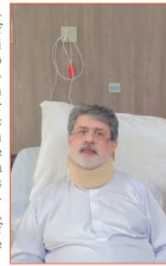
# THE HEARTLAND

## Man killed in a fatal accident at Tando Adam Railway Station

By Mumtaz Ali Thahim  
TANDO ADAM: A tragic incident occurred at Tando Adam Railway Station, where a man was killed after slipping while disembarking from the Pakistan Express train traveling from Punjab to Karachi. The victim, identified as Ghulam Shabeer, son of Fazal Din Qureshi, was a resident of the Sikander Abad and sold bananas on the platform. The accident happened as he attempted to get off the moving train. His body was taken to Taluka hospital, where it was handed over to his family after necessary procedures. Notably, this marks the third such fatality at Tando Adam railway station within 24 hours.

## Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki Fondly Remembered by Public School Hyderabad Alumni

HYDERABAD: Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki, son of Sardar Chakar Khan Domki and grandson of Nawab Akbar Bugti, was remembered with deep admiration and respect by his former classmates from Public School Hyderabad. Born in the village of Lahri, near the borders of Sibi and Dera Bugti, Sardar Sarfraz was known for his humility, kindness, and soft-spoken nature, despite being the leader of the valiant Domki tribe of the ancient state of Kachi. Following the death of his father, Sardar Sarfraz was appointed as the chief of the Domki tribe by the tribal elite. He began his professional journey as an Assistant Commissioner in the Balochistan Provincial Services, eventually rising to the position of District Coordinating Officer. Later, he transitioned into politics, serving as a minister in the Balochistan cabinet until his untimely death. The loss of Sardar Sarfraz brought immense sorrow not only to his family and tribe but also to his friends and former schoolmates. His alma mater, Public School Hyderabad, honored the late Sardar with heartfelt tributes. Many of his school friends traveled to his native village, Lahri, to offer their condolences to his family, including his son, brothers, and fellow tribesmen. Colonel Hassan Imam (Retd.), a close school friend, paid a poignant tribute, remembering Sardar Sarfraz as a simple and gentle soul whose caring nature and sobriety left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Teachers and staff members from Public School Hyderabad also joined in paying homage to the deceased Sardar. Following his passing, Sardar Sarfraz's elder son, Kohyar Khan, has been designated as the new chieftain of the Domki tribe, while his younger brother, Hirbehzar Khan, will serve as regent for tribal affairs.—RT



## Lawyers' team reaches Sindhri Police Station to register case of Dr Shahnawaz

By Younis Chandio  
MIRPURKHAS: A ten-member legal team, led by Barrister Asadullah Shah Rashdi addressed a press conference after submitting request for the registration of a case at the Sindhri police station regarding the murder of Dr. Shahnawaz. He stated that he was killed after being taken into custody. In light of a law passed in 2022, which mandates that the FIA conducts inquiries into deaths during judicial custody, the lawyers have named several officials, including DIG Javed Jiskani, SSP Asad Chaudhry and SSP Asif Raza Baloch, in their complaint. They also included the SHO of Sindhri and Umar Jan Sarhandi, who allegedly incited violence. The lawyers identified other police personnel, such as DIB In-Charge Danish Bhatti and Sub-Inspector Hidayatullah Narejo, as involved. They emphasized that the allegations of torture against Dr. Shahnawaz could be confirmed after exhumation. The legal team stressed that all individuals who incited violence on social media should be held accountable. They reported that around 300 people are currently arrested across Sindh on blasphemy charges. The family of Dr. Shahnawaz demands a judicial inquiry, stating that the issue is not minor but significant on a national level. They have recommended that charges under the Anti-Terrorism Act and Section 302 be included in the case.



## FIR Filed Against Accused In Dr. Shahnawaz Murder Case After Inquiry Report Confirms Police Misconduct

UMERKOT: An FIR has been registered following an inquiry report that established the blasphemy accused, Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar, was killed in a suspected fake police encounter in Umarkot, Sindh, as reported on Friday. The case names 45 individuals, including senior police officials such as DIG Javed Jiskani, SSP Asad Chaudhry, SSP Asif Raza Baloch, and the SHO of Sindhri, alongside CIA team members. The FIR, filed under charges of murder, terrorism, and violations of the Torture and Custodial Death Prevention Act 2022, also implicates Umar Jan Sindhari, accused of inciting public unrest via social media, resulting in violent actions. The complaint was lodged by Advocate Ibrahim, Dr. Shahnawaz's brother-in-law, at Police Station Sindhri, alleging that the police staged the encounter and subjected the victim to torture. Additionally, DIB In-Charge Danish Bhatti, Sub-Inspector Hidayatullah Narejo, and other police personnel are named in the case, which includes both identified and unidentified suspects linked to the incident. Dr. Shahnawaz was reportedly apprehended in Karachi and subsequently handed over to Umerkot police, where his death occurred. The inquiry committee, established under the directives of Sindh Police Chief Ghulam Nabi Memon, has concluded its investigation of the Umerkot incident, revealing serious misconduct by police officials from Umerkot and Mirpurkhas. The inquiry report, prompted by public outcry, has detailed significant legal violations by the involved police personnel. Following blasphemy allegations against Dr. Shahnawaz, widespread protests erupted in Umerkot, compelling police to expedite his arrest. He was tracked down in Karachi and transferred to the Mirpur Khas police, who are alleged to have staged the encounter later that night. The committee confirmed that the police encounter was fabricated to provide legal cover for an extrajudicial killing, condemning the public celebrations and praise received by officers after Dr. Shahnawaz's death, which gained traction on social media. The inquiry committee recommended that Dr. Shahnawaz's family be allowed to record a statement and file a murder FIR against the implicated officers. Moreover, the committee called for stringent departmental action against Umerkot and Mirpur Khas police, including senior officers like the DIG and vice to expedite his arrest. He was tracked down in Karachi and transferred to the Mirpur Khas police, who are alleged to have



# METRO KARACHI



## Sindh Energy Minister Advocates For Affordable Solar Energy Solutions

KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Energy, Development, and Planning, Sindh, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, has emphasized the importance of making affordable and high-quality solar panels accessible to the poorest segments of society. He expressed these views while visiting various stalls and speaking to the media on the second day of the ongoing three-day Solar Expo at the Expo Center Karachi. Accompanying him were Sindh Energy Secretary



Mosaddiq Ahmed Khan and Project Director Sindh Solar Energy, Mahfooz Ahmed Qazi. In response to a question, the minister acknowledged the severe problems people face due to high electricity costs, load shedding, and over-billing. He assured that the Sindh government is aware of these issues and that the public will receive positive news soon. He also mentioned that Sindh is providing the cheapest electricity to the National Grid.

Addressing concerns about the high cost of fertilizers, Nasir Shah revealed that a solution is being developed to produce affordable fertilizer from Thar coal, which will benefit farmers and the agriculture sector. The minister also praised the ongoing Solar Expo, noting that over 200 companies from 10 countries are participating, with 80% of

them being world-class enterprises. He commended the organizers for their efforts, stating that the exhibition not only enhances the image of the Sindh government but also showcases Pakistan positively to the international community.

He suggested extending the duration of the exhibition beyond three days to allow more people to gain awareness and learn about the quality offerings of local and international companies. Additionally, Nasir Shah announced that more than 160,000 solar systems with inverters and battery backups will be provided free of cost to poor and underdeveloped areas in Sindh. He also mentioned that hybrid solar parks are in the pipeline, aiming to further promote renewable energy in the region.—RT

## Sindh Government To Establish Fusion Center For Enhanced Anti-Narcotics Coordination

KARACHI: The Sindh government has announced the establishment of a Fusion Center aimed at enhancing intelligence sharing and coordination on drug-related matters between provincial and federal institutions. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to strengthen anti-narcotics efforts across Pakistan. Additionally, the government plans to collaborate with the Health Department to establish rehabilitation centers for drug addicts.

The decision was made during the second meeting of the High-Powered Committee for Anti-Narcotics, chaired by Sindh Senior Minister Shajeel Inam Memon at his office in Karachi. The meeting was attended by key officials, including Secretary Excise Muhammad Saleem Rajput, Secretary Universities and Boards Abbas Baloch, Secretary Social Welfare Parvez Ahmad Sehar, Commander ANF Brigadier Umar, DIG CIA



Muqadas Haider, and others. Representatives from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Tom from Geneva and Sajid Aslam from Islamabad, also participated online.

During the meeting, it was resolved to establish a Fusion Center to improve coordination on drug-related issues between all provinces and the federal government. Senior Minister Memon directed that the High-Powered Committee meet every fortnight to expedite and review ongoing anti-narcotics operations. He stressed the importance of all stakeholders working together to combat the drug menace.

He reaffirmed the Sindh government's commitment to a zero-tolerance policy on drugs, underscoring the critical importance of this fight for the future of the younger generation.

Force Memon stated that the campaign against drugs is ongoing and called on all segments of society to play an active role in this effort. He also highlighted that former President Asif Ali Zardari has issued clear directives for the complete eradication of drugs. Memon announced that drug tests will be conducted in educational institutions, not to embarrass anyone, but to confront the issue head-on. He warned that the drug problem is pervasive, affecting families and communities across all social strata. The minister emphasized that urgent action is needed to address the significant challenge posed by drug use, and directed that rehabilitation centers be reactivated. He also stressed the importance of identifying and eliminating key drug hideouts. "No drug dealer will be spared," Memon declared, noting that indiscriminate actions against drug-related activities are currently underway and will continue. He vowed that strict action will be taken wherever drug use is reported, whether in homes, shops, or social gatherings.—RT

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## People protest against Mehmood Goth Police picket In-charge

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KARACHI: Residents near the Link Road Police picket in Mehmood Goth protested, accusing In-Charge Tahir Khan of illegal detentions and extortion. They claimed he arrests poor workers, drivers, and laborers, threatening them with false charges unless they pay bribes. Protesters

shared that Khan forcibly took three workers from a hotel and extorted 120,000 rupees, holding them in custody at the Mehmood Goth police station. They called for action from senior officials, including the Sindh Home Minister and Anti-Corruption authorities, demanding Khan's suspension for his alleged misdeeds.

## ABAD Voices Concerns Over Encroachments And Tax Hikes In Meeting With KDA

KARACHI: The Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), Asif Samsam, along with Senior Vice Chairman Ibrahim Habib, has raised serious concerns about the growing issue of illegal encroachments, the abrupt increase in service charges and taxes related to the sale, purchase, and transfer of plots, and the commercial misuse of KDA-leased residential plots in Clifton. They have called for swift action to resolve these pressing matters.



These concerns were discussed during a meeting with the Director General of the Karachi Development Authority (KDA), Syed Shujaat Hussain, held at ABAD House. During the meeting, Senior Director of KDA, M. Waryal Andhar, was designated as the focal person to address ABAD's issues. Additionally, it was agreed to include an ABAD representative in the KDA Governing Body, with a formal request letter from ABAD to follow.

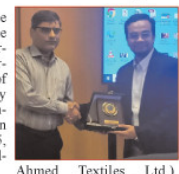
The meeting saw the participation of ABAD Vice Chairman Zeeshan Siddiqui, Southern Region Chairman Mustafa Sheikhan, KDA officials, and numerous ABAD members. Chairman Asif Samsam voiced particular concern over illegal encroachments on plots owned by ABAD members, which has caused significant distress among

builders and developers. He urged the DG KDA to take decisive action against these encroachments. Senior Vice Chairman Ibrahim Habib also highlighted the misuse of KDA-leased residential plots in Clifton Blocks 8 and 9 for commercial purposes, demanding immediate KDA intervention. He suggested forming a high-profile committee, including representatives from KDA, ABAD, and the Clifton Residents Society, to conduct a survey and recommend the cancellation of leases for those misusing residential plots.

Habib further expressed concern over the sudden increase in fees related to the sale, transfer, mutation, lease extension, and NOCs of plots by KDA. He urged that any such tax hikes should be discussed with stakeholders to maintain harmony. He also pointed out that ABAD members, who had purchased auctioned plots on University Road were facing illegal oc-

## TDAP Hosts Seminar on "Sustainability In The Textile & Leather Industry" Ahead Of Texpo 2024

KARACHI: As part of the lead-up to Texpo 2024, the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) organized the first in a series of seminars on "Sustainability in the Textile & Leather Industry of Pakistan" on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the TDAP Headquarters in Karachi.



This enlightening seminar focused on the future of sustainable practices in Pakistan's textile and leather sectors. Expert panelists, including Fahad Juma (Gul

participants from SMEs in the textile and leather industries to explore innovative solutions and address the challenges of transitioning toward a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future for Pakistan.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Basit Rauf, Director General of TDAP, who emphasized the importance of collective efforts in creating a sustainable and greener future for the country.—RT

## SITE Association Announces New Leadership For 2024-26 Term



KARACHI: The SITE Association of Industry (SAI) has elected its new office bearers for the 2024-26 term, with Ahmed Azeem Alvi taking over as President, Khalid Riaz as Senior Vice President, and Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi as Vice President. These appointments were confirmed during the 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association, presided over by Saleem Parekh, Chief Coordinator and former President of SAI.

The newly elected officials, along with the Executive Committee members, will officially assume their responsibilities on October 1, 2024. The AGM, held at the SAI office, was attended by notable figures including Zubair Motiwala, Chairman of the Businessmen Group (BMG) and Patron-in-Chief of SAI.

President-elect Ahmed Azeem Alvi expressed his gratitude to the members for their confidence in him and praised the outgoing leadership for their dedicated service. He highlighted the pressing issues facing the SITE area, such as deteriorating infrastructure and utility shortages, and called on members to actively engage in the Association's activities. He assured them of his commitment to addressing their concerns, acknowledging the challenging business environment.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh congratulated the new office bearers and recognized the contributions of the outgoing team, including President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Senior Vice President Muhammad Hanif Tavakkal, and Vice President Farhan Ashraf. He emphasized that the new leadership, while bringing fresh perspectives, will continue to benefit from the support and experience of the outgoing Executive Committee and senior members.

Javed Iqbal from Shoab Shipping, Ms. Noor-ul-Saba from Scuba Club Karachi and Malik Babar Rashid from KPT shared insightful perspectives on enhancing safety, efficiency, and environmental conservation. The chief guest, Dewan Rizwan Farooqui, Chairman of Pakistan Ship Breakers Recycling Association, underscored the importance of a sustainable and efficient maritime industry and its role in the global economy.

## GCNP and MACN Lead Initiative To Enhance Customs Procedures In Maritime Sector



KARACHI: The Global Compact Network Pakistan (GCNP) and the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) recently held an impactful session titled "Streamlining the Missing Links in Customs Procedures for Port Operations & Shipping Sector." The event brought together key stakeholders, including senior leaders from terminal operators, off-dock terminals, and members of the All-Pakistan Shipping Association (APSA).

Hosted by Karachi Gateway Terminal Limited (KGTL), the session featured opening remarks from Syed Tanvir Ahmed, Senior Advisor to GCNP-MACN, who welcomed attendees and highlighted the significance of the initiative. He also provided an overview of the GCNP-MACN Project's mission and goals.

Prominent speakers, including Omar Shafique, Collector of Customs Enforcement (Port), and Daud Pirzada, Director of Intelligence & Investigation (Customs), delivered detailed presentations on critical issues such as shipping licensing, cargo handling, and the resolution of challenges related to stuck containers, GD hold containers, and document amendments.

The session underscored the importance of effective customs procedures and port operations in promoting global trade, economic growth, and anti-corruption efforts. The GCNP-MACN Project continues to lead efforts to establish best practices, ensure compliance, and foster collaboration among stakeholders in the maritime sector.

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