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HYDERABAD: Sindh Prisons Minister, Ali Hassan Zardari interacts with prisoners during his surprise visit at the Central Jail to review the facilities in the jail-RT

Haji Ali Hassan Zardari Highlights Major Development Projects In District Thatta

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: Provincial Minister for Works, Services, and Jails, Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, proudly showcased the extensive development and public welfare projects executed in District Thatta under his leadership and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), in collaboration with the Sindh government.



Thatta and Ghoro Barrage to Ketri Bunder, which have enhanced connectivity and economic opportunities for coastal communities.

Zardari outlined a series of mega projects that have been successfully completed in the district, including the construction of roads, hospitals, schools, drainage systems, and clean water schemes. Many of these projects were completed within his own constituency, bringing significant improvements to the quality of life for local residents.

neighboring coastal villages, who have long struggled with poor road infrastructure. In his address, Zardari credited his personal efforts with securing funds from both the Sindh and federal governments for the much-needed Coastal Highway project, which will safeguard coastal villages from the dangers of sea disasters, including flooding and erosion.

Concluding his remarks, Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, a two-time winner in general elections, reaffirmed his unwavering dedication to the people of Thatta. He also revealed that the long-delayed construction of the District Jail Thatta is nearing completion, which will allow for the transfer of prisoners from temporary facilities, ensuring improved security and better conditions for detainees.

The minister's commitment to development continues to inspire hope for sustained growth in Thatta, as he remains focused on delivering further progress to the residents of Kohistan and

Kotri Protests Erupt Over Water Shortage And Tanker Mafia Exploitation

By Sheikh Sinhi



KOTRI: Residents of the twelve wards of Bholhari under the Kotri Site Municipal Committee have launched a significant protest against the persistent shortage of drinking water and the exploitation by the tanker mafia, organized by the Pakistan Youth Movement. The demonstrators, including prominent activists Abdul Sattar Lahar and Shehbaz Memon, gathered to voice their frustration over the municipal committee's failure to ensure a consistent water supply.

During the protest, speakers highlighted that the municipal committee has cut off the water supply to numerous colonies in Bholhari, forcing residents to rely on the tanker mafia for their daily water needs. They accused the administration of complicity in this issue, alleging that officials are accepting hefty bribes to favor the tanker mafia, which is selling water at increasingly inflated prices.

The demonstrators vowed to widen the scope of their protests, indicating that they would mobilize greater support from the community and potentially engage in more disruptive actions if their demands for equitable water access are not met promptly. The situation remains tense as residents call for urgent governmental intervention to resolve the water crisis and dismantle the exploitative practices of the tanker mafia.



HYDERABAD: Members and leaders of the All Pakistan Marri Ittehad are holding a protest demonstration against the Sindh police department, at the Hyderabad press club-RT

Jamaat-e-Islami Tando Adam Organizes Seerat-Un-Nabi (SAWW) Conference, Highlights Islamic Teachings And Social Justice

By Mumtaz Ali Thahim

TANDO ADAM: Jamaat-e-Islami Tando Adam held a profound Seerat-un-Nabi (SAWW) conference in Joharabad, where Deputy Secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami Sindh, Moulana Abdul Qudus Ahmadani, underscored the timeless message of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as a beacon of mercy for all of humanity.



Speaking to a large gathering, Moulana Ahmadani reiterated that the finality of Prophethood was completed with Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), and no new prophet will come until the Day of Judgment. He urged the Muslim community to spread the Prophet's message, encouraging people to transition from servitude to man-made systems toward obedience to Allah and His Messenger.

Reflecting on the state of the country, Moulana Ahmadani expressed grave concern over the erosion of justice and merit in society. He pointed out that issues like corruption, drug abuse, and violence have escalated due to the widespread neglect of Islamic values and the teachings of the Holy Quran. He also criticized the global silence on the suffering of Muslims, particularly Palestinians, condemning the lack of vocal support from Islamic nations in the face of ongoing human rights violations.

In his speech, Moulana Ahmadani reiterated Jamaat-e-Islami's firm stance against sectarianism and corruption, lauding the leadership of

Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman for his relentless efforts to safeguard the rights of the people. He contrasted the Jamaat's commitment to justice with other political entities that, he argued, continue to exploit the public through unjust taxation and self-serving political maneuvering. He concluded by calling on the public to join Jamaat-e-Islami's membership campaign, encouraging unity in the fight against oppression and to work collectively for justice, equality, and the rights of the people.

People's Party Vows To Protect Sindh's Water Rights Amid Irsa Act Amendments

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The People's Party of Badin, led by District Information Secretary Fida Hussain Mandru, has vehemently rejected the federal government's amendment of the Irsa Act and the proposed construction of six illegal canals in the Indus River. During a press conference held at the Badin Press Club, Mandru emphasized the party's long-standing commitment to safeguarding the rights of Sindh and its residents, stating that any obstruction to Sindh's water supply would not be tolerated.

for the restoration of democracy, constitutional supremacy, and parliamentary integrity in Pakistan. He pointed out that the People's Party has consistently protested against projects such as the Kala Bagh Dam, Thal Canal, and Chashma Canal, which they view as detrimental to Sindh's water resources. Mandru reiterated that the party was quick to respond to the recent attempts to amend the Irsa Act, with the President of the PPP Sindh, Nisar Ahmad Khoro, endorsing a resolution against these amendments in the Sindh Assembly.

He warned that if the federal government persists with its anti-Sindh measures, the People's Party is prepared to launch widespread protests across Sindh to mobilize public sentiment against these initiatives. The press conference concluded with a strong message of resilience from the People's Party, reaffirming their commitment to protect the rights and resources of the people of Sindh.

The leaders underscored that the criticism aimed at the People's Party by an alliance of political factions is merely

Jamshoro: Urgent Call For Reinstatement Of Security Workers At Rafhan Maize Company

By Munwar Chando



JAMSHORO: The People's Labor Bureau District Jamshoro has submitted an application to the Labor Department following the illegal expulsion of security workers by Rafhan Maize Company in Kotri. An inquiry was initiated by the Regional Director Labor Hyderabad, Ghulam Sarwar Atrio, to address this pressing issue.

On September 25, 2024, the inquiry officer, Mr. Ibrahim Aziz Hungoro, met with key representatives, including Shahzad, the Admin Manager of Rafhan Maize Company, Ghulam Hussain Mughal, the General Secretary, and Akhtar Shuro, a representative for the affected security workers. During the proceedings, it was revealed that the security workers had been employed by Rafhan Maize Company Limited through a third-party security firm. Despite their registration with the AOBI (Accident and Occupational Benefit Insurance) and Social Security, the inquiry officer found that the dismissal of these workers was unlawful.

Ibrahim Aziz Hungoro instructed Shahzad that the workers must either be reinstated to their original positions or receive their legal dues, including unemployment benefits and gratuity. However, the Rafhan Maize Company administration has yet to respond to these direc-

Key Meeting On Paddy Purchase Held To Support Farmers

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: An important meeting convened in the Darbar Hall, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Badin Yasir Bhatti, focused on the procurement of paddy from rice mill owners and farmers. The gathering aimed to address critical issues surrounding the purchasing process and to ensure fair treatment for local farmers.

Commissioner I Kashif Raza Mangi, Additional Deputy Commissioner II Rajesh Dalpat, Deputy Director Agriculture Ramesh Meghwar, along with Assistant Commissioners from all tehsils. Key representatives from the agricultural community, including Rice Mills Association President Abdul Shakoor Memon and Sindh Chamber of Agriculture leaders Shah Nawaz Khan Jamali, Dada Hashim Jamali, Wafa Latif Jokio, and Ashiq Ali Gopang, were also present.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Bhatti announced that there would be no deductions on the purchase price per mound of paddy, emphasizing that the moisture content would be permitted to range between 18% to 22%. He instructed Assistant Commissioners from Badin and the concerned talukas to conduct surprise inspections of rice mills to ensure compliance. Any mill found deviating from the agreed standards would face immediate sealing and substantial fines.

The Deputy Commissioner further stated that ISO-certified mill owners must provide payments to farmers according to their preference, either through cash or cheque. He reaffirmed the importance of agriculture as the backbone of the country's economy, stressing that the administration is committed to ensuring that no farmer suffers due to unfair practices. To address moisture content concerns more thoroughly, Bhatti announced that a follow-up meeting with rice mill owners and farmers would take place within the week to establish clear limits and guidelines. This proactive approach aims to foster a cooperative environment between farmers and mill owners while promoting fair trade practices.

Attending the meeting were Additional Deputy

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HYDERABAD: Members and leaders of the Jeay Sindh Tehreek are holding a protest demonstration against the killing of Dr. Shah Nawaz, at the Hyderabad press club-RT



HYDERABAD: Students are holding a protest demonstration for the re-taking of the MDCAT, at the Hyderabad press club-RT

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Spin or Substance?

Once again, Pakistan's economy finds itself under the stewardship of yet another finance minister trying to reassure a weary nation. Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has boldly proclaimed that the current IMF programme will be the country's last, signaling a push toward a "homegrown" reform agenda. His message, laden with talk of tax reforms, climate financing, and a shift toward an export-led economy, strikes all the right chords. Yet, it feels all too familiar—another politician promising transformative change, another set of "tough decisions" with no guarantee of execution.

Pakistanis have heard this rhetoric before. The nation has been through 24 IMF programmes

since 1950, each one promising to be the last, and each one failing to deliver the sustained growth and stability that was envisioned. The bitter truth is that no economic reform, no matter how well-conceived, can succeed without political stability and genuine accountability. Without these, the economy remains a ship adrift, vulnerable to shocks, and reliant on international lenders to stay afloat.

Moreover, the current government's credibility is questionable at best. Decades of failed policies

and broken promises have eroded public trust. The citizens are tired of hearing that better days are just around the corner while they struggle with inflation, unemployment, and the consequences of political mismanagement. For any meaningful progress, the finance minister must not only focus on numbers and reforms but also on restoring faith in the system itself—an uphill battle, but one crucial to Pakistan's economic future.

Real reform demands more than words—it requires a fundamental change in governance, a clear break from the political chaos of the past. Without that, Aurangzeb's promises will be just another spin in an endless cycle of unmet expectations.



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HYDERABAD: Members and leaders of the Majlis Wahdat-ul-Muslimeen (MWM) are holding a protest demonstration against the killing of Hassan Nasrallah in Lebanon.-RT

Sanghar Police Crack Down On Drug Trafficking, Arrest 14 Suspected Dealers



By Mumtaz Ali Tahim

TANDO ADAM: In a major offensive against the drug trade, Sanghar District Police have intensified their crackdown, leading to the arrest of 14 suspected drug dealers and the recovery of significant quantities of illicit substances. The operations, carried out across the district, aim to dismantle drug networks and enhance public safety.

In one notable raid, SHO Tando Adam, Inayatullah Jamal, and his team intercepted a suspicious Alto car on Khandro Road. Upon inspection, the police seized nearly 5 maunds of raw tobacco, typically used in the production of mawa gutka, a harmful substance. The vehicle, believed to be part of a larger drug transportation network, was confiscated as evidence.

In a separate operation, SHO Khadro Zakir Hussain Solangi arrested a suspect, Habib-ur-Rehman Brohi, recovering an illegal TT pistol in the process. The suspect is believed to be involved in criminal activities linked to drug trafficking in the area.

Other coordinated police actions across the district in-



HYDERABAD: Members and leaders of the Anjuman-e-Tajran Qasimabad are holding a protest demonstration for the acceptance of their demands, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

Protest By All Pakistan Marri Ittehad In Tando Adam Against Police Killing Of Youth



By Mumtaz Ali Tahim

TANDO ADAM: The All Pakistan Marri Ittehad staged a large protest rally outside the Tando Adam Press Club, led by Qadir Bakhsh Mari, to denounce the alleged extrajudicial killing of Yasin Mari, a young man reportedly murdered in a staged police encounter. The rally drew significant attention as protesters voiced their outrage over police brutality and demanded justice for the slain youth.

Qadir Bakhsh Mari revealed that a formal case has been filed against several police officials, including SSP Tanveer Tunio and SHO Qurban Kalhoro, for their alleged involvement in the encounter. In addition to the legal case, the Marri Ittehad has submitted a petition to the High Court, demanding the immediate arrest of the accused officers and calling for stringent legal action.

The protesters demanded that those responsible for the encounter to cover up the wrongful arrest and killing of the youth.

The rally concluded with a strong message from the Marri Ittehad and allied groups, vowing to continue their fight for justice until the perpetrators are brought to justice and reforms are introduced to curb police violence.

Injustice Prevails In Central Jail Hyderabad: Sub-Inspector Muneer Allegedly Exploiting Prisoners

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Alarming reports have emerged from Central Jail Hyderabad, where Sub-Inspector Muneer is allegedly acting as the defacto superintendent, imposing illegal fees and exploiting prisoners. According to multiple sources, including a death-row inmate, Ali Hassan Chandio, Muneer is accused of robbing half of the goods brought by prisoners' relatives and levying excessive charges for basic jail facilities.

Inmates have reported that Sub-Inspector Muneer charges prisoners for the malfunctioning of essential utilities such as donkey motors, light bulbs, and other items, which should be maintained by the prison administration. Those who resist paying these illegal fees are subject to physical punishment by a group of inmates allegedly loyal to Muneer.

Speaking to The Regional Times, Ali Hassan Chandio, who has been imprisoned for 10 years on what he claims are politically motivated charges, shared a grim ac-



HYDERABAD: Pakistan Nazryati Party leader, Syed Hamza Naqvi along with other party leaders is addressing a press conference at the Hyderabad press club.-RT

SUKKUR: Activists and leaders of the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) are holding a protest demonstration against prolonged electricity load shedding and inflated electricity bills.-RT



Pakistan women's team gears up for Asian Netball Championship 2024 in India



FAISALABAD: Pakistan women's team would feature in the Asian Netball Championship, scheduled to take place in India, from October 18 to 27, sources confirmed on Sunday.

Sources told Geo News that the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has issued a No-Objection Certificate (NOC), allowing the national women's team to compete in the event.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Netball Federation (PNF) also submitted visa applications for the team and officials, who are expected to travel to India in the coming weeks.

A total of 12 players and five officials are likely to

represent Pakistan in the tournament. Furthermore, sources claimed that the federation has also sought PSB's approval for the national team's budget.

Among the prospective players, some British-Pakistani athletes were also being considered for the squad.

Sources added that while the diaspora players have started their training in the United Kingdom (UK), the Pakistan-based players will resume camp once the budget is approved.

The Asian Netball Championship will be held in Bengaluru, India from October 18 to 27. —Agency

Pakistani golfer finishes runner-up in ADT Championship



CAMBODIA: Pakistan's emerging golfer Ahmad Baig secured second place at the Asian Development Tour (ADT) Championship held in Cambodia, delivering a strong performance over the four-day event with a 19-under-par finish.

Baig showcased his talent by posting 2-under, 7-under, and two consecutive 5-under rounds on the final two days.

Despite leading after the first three rounds, Thailand's Nopparat Panchaphol edged Baig out with a final round of 7-under, finishing just one stroke ahead to claim the title.

The championship, with a total prize pool of \$100,000, saw Baig take home \$11,500 for his second-place finish.

His impressive showing has now moved him up the ADT rankings, where he currently holds the second spot overall.

According to the Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF), this achievement marks a significant milestone in Baig's in-

ternational career, drawing praise from golf enthusiasts and experts.

"This achievement not only highlights Ahmad's skill and perseverance but also propels him to 2nd place on the Asian Development Tour, with cumulative earnings of USD 46,772.95. His consistent performances throughout the tournament have drawn praise from golfing enthusiasts and professionals alike," reads a message by PGF.

In addition to his success in Cambodia, Ahmad recently cut in the Asian Tour's International Series Morocco, earning an additional USD 20,300, further cementing his standing in the international golf scene.

"With this stellar performance, Ahmad continues to position himself as one of the top emerging players in the region. His journey is one to watch as he competes for even greater accolades on the international stage," the PGF said. —Agency

No talks with PCB over Pakistan players' association: WCA CEO



World Cricketers' Association (WCA) Chief Executive Tom Moffat has clarified that the cricketers' association is not involved in any discussions regarding the formation of a players' association in Pakistan.

In a recent interview with Cricket Pakistan, Moffat emphasized that the decision to establish a players' association is solely in the hands of the Pakistan players and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

While the WCA maintains regular dialogue with various stakeholders in world cricket, the topic of a players' association in Pakistan has not been a focal point of their discussions with the PCB.

"We engage with various stakeholders in world cricket, including adminis-

trators around the world," Moffat stated.

"Our discussions with PCB have focused on potential collaboration and various areas in which we may be able to align and work together, and there has been no discussion on forming a players' association in Pakistan. A players' association with prominent Pakistani figures like Sana Mir,

a member of the WCA Board, and Imran Ahmad Khan, the head of Apex Sports.

"Pakistan is an important cricketing country with an amazing history and we want to ensure we can help players and support the game there wherever possible," Moffat said. "We have always had a good relationship with the PCB around the PSL, and hope that the relationship only continues to strengthen and grow."

"We already work closely with Sana Mir, who is on our Board, and Apex Sports led by Imran Ahmad Khan, both of whom have great experience in a range of areas. We look forward to more regular contact with the PCB and other important stakeholders," he concluded. —Agency

Pakistan's Asim Khan wins World Tour squash title in US



VIRGINIA: Pakistan's top squash player, Muhammad Asim Khan, secured his first career World Tour title by triumphing at the Charlottesville Open Squash Championship 2024.

Held in the US state of Virginia, Asim defeated top-seeded English player Nick Wall in an intense 65-minute final.

The match saw Asim lose the first game 12-14 but make a remarkable comeback to win the next three games 12-10, 11-5, and 11-6, clinching the title in a thrilling 3-1 victory. The win brings great pride to Pakistan as it marks Asim's debut World Tour championship triumph.

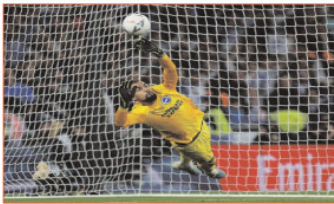
The Charlottesville Open, featuring a total prize pool of \$28,750, was a significant milestone in Asim Khan's career.

With this victory, he also gained 500 ranking points, which are expected to boost his global standing.

Asim's performance reflects the resurgence of squash talent in Pakistan, a nation with a rich history in the sport.

Legendary squash champion Jahangir Khan once dominated the international squash scene, and Asim's recent success adds to the country's legacy in the sport. —Agency

Robert Sanchez addresses mistakes after Chelsea's win over Brighton



Chelsea extended their unbeaten run in the Premier League with a 4-2 win against Brighton & Hove Albion, but goalkeeper Robert Sanchez came under scrutiny for mistakes that led to both of Brighton's goals.

Brighton's Georginio Rutter opened the scoring after Sanchez rushed off his line, leaving space for Rutter to capitalize on the error. The Seagulls' second goal came when Sanchez mistakenly passed the ball to Brighton's Carlos Baleba, who raced through to score.

Despite these mistakes, Sanchez redeemed himself with several strong saves

throughout the match, helping Chelsea maintain their lead. After the game, Sanchez took to Instagram to address his performance, stating, "Mistakes happen - we're all human, except the legend Cole Palmer. Thank you fans.... This group can achieve big things together! One day I help, the next day they help me, this is how we grow as a team."

Sanchez's statistics for the match include four saves, four successful

routines, and a 71% passing accuracy. He also completed four out of 18 long balls and made one critical error leading to a goal. Despite the pressure, Sanchez remains trusted by Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca, who is unlikely to drop him ahead of a busy schedule with European and domestic cup fixtures on the horizon.

Sanchez reassured fans that he's in peak physical condition, saying he feels the fittest he has been in two years, which should benefit the team during this demanding period. —Agency

Mohammad Yousaf resigns as Pakistan team selector



LAHORE: After serving for about six months in the capacity, former cricketer Mohammad Yousaf on Sunday stepped down as a member of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) selection committee "due to personal reasons".

In a statement, Yousaf said he was proud to play his part in growth of the national squad. He wished the team all the best, saying he had faith in the players' talent.

"I announce my resignation as a selector for the Pakistan cricket team due to personal reasons. Serving this incredible team has been a profound privilege, and I am proud to have contributed to the growth and success of Pakistan Cricket."

"I have immense faith in the talent and spirit of our players, and wish our team all the best as they continue to strive for greatness," he wrote on X.

On the other hand, confirming Yousaf's resignation, the PCB said the former cricketer great took this decision to focus on other key responsibilities within the cricket board.

"The PCB expresses its sincere gratitude to Mohammad Yousaf for his invaluable contributions during his

tenure as a selection committee member. Yousaf will continue to play a pivotal role at the PCB, sharing his extensive knowledge and experience as the batting coach at the High Performance Centre," said the PCB spokesperson.

Yousaf was the head coach of the Pakistan U19 side that finished third in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 in South Africa, the official added.

Yousaf was appointed as a member of the Pakistan team's selection committee in March this year.

PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi on March 24 announced a reorganised national selection committee comprising seven members.

Speaking during a press conference in Lahore, Naqvi had said that the committee would not have a chairman and all seven members would have equal powers. —Agency

Panthers beat Markhors to win Champions One-Day Cup final



FAISALABAD: Panthers defeated Markhors by five wickets in the final to win the first-edition of Champions One-Day Cup at Faisalabad's Iqbal Stadium.

Shadab Khan-led Panthers chased down the 123-run target in 18 overs after they dismantled the Markhors' batting lineup in just 33.4 overs.

Earlier, Markhors opted to bat first and could post a competitive total. Zain Abbas was the first to depart, caught by Umar Siddiq off Mohammad Hasnain's bowling for 6 runs from 8 balls. Fakhr Zaman provided a brief spark, scoring 46 off 49 deliveries, including five boundaries and a six, before falling to Sajid Khan, caught by Rizwan Mehmoed.

Kamran Ghulam was dismissed cheaply for 2 runs,

trapped leg-before-wicket by Ali Raza, leaving the Markhors at 26/2 early in the innings. Haseebullah Khan and Bismillah Khan attempted to steady the innings, contributing 27 and 16 runs, respectively, but both fell before they could anchor the team. Haseebullah was bowled by Sajid Khan, while Bismillah was caught by Abdul Bangalzal off Arafat Minhas. Skipper Ifthikhar Ahmed, expected to provide stability, was dismissed for just 3 runs, falling leg-before to Hasnain.

Abdul Samad followed without scoring, caught by Sajid off Hasnain's bowling. Lower-order resistance was minimal, with only Zahid Mahmood, who remained out on 7, and Akif Javed, who hit a quickfire 8 off 8 balls. —Agency The tall collapsed quickly as Mohammad Imran and Shahnaaz

Dahani were dismissed cheaply by Arafat Minhas. Hasnain and Minhas took three each while Sajid took two scalps. In reply, the Panthers successfully chased down the target in 18 overs but encountered a few obstacles along the way. Umar Siddiq provided a steady start but was bowled by Shahnavaz Dahani after scoring 19 off 21 balls. His opening partner, Abdul Bangalzal, contributed a solid 41 off 43 deliveries, including five boundaries and two sixes, before being caught by wicket-keeper Bismillah Khan off Mohammad Imran. Sajid Khan added 15 runs from 13 balls but was trapped lbw by Akif Javed, while Usman Khan chipped in with a brisk 13 off 8 balls before falling to Akif Javed, caught by Zain Abbas. —Agency

Faces of the Day



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Jennifer Lopez hiding resentment amid Ben Affleck divorce



Jennifer Lopez is reportedly deeply hurt as she is going to be divorced for the fourth time.

Even though Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck are maintaining an amicable image in front of the cameras, this image is reportedly just for their kids and nothing more.

Recently, an insider shared with In Touch Weekly, "Jennifer would never make a scene in public."

They went on to mention, "Especially in front of their kids, but she has so much resentment." She's made it plain

Jennifer Aniston sets the record straight on her 'Friends' dress



Jennifer Aniston, famed for her role as Rachel Green in the hit show, Friends, clarified the confusion among fans.

Taking to Instagram Story, Aniston clarified the colour of a famous dress worn by her character in the show.

The confusion started when Max shared images celebrating the 30th anniversary of the beloved sitcom.

The image shared on Instagram were from the iconic episode The One Where No One's Ready, where Rachel wears a mint green dress while Ross (David Schwimmer) tries to get their friends ready for a black-tie event.

However, the new 4K version of the episode showed the dress appearing as baby blue, leading to confusion among fans.

One fan commented, "Ok what's the real color of that dress?" while another added, "Wait, the dress wasn't green, was my life a lie."

Aniston quickly addressed the issue in now-expired Instagram Story, stating, "For the record, the dress was mint green," as quoted by the Entertainment Weekly.

The actress' character Rachel Green became a fashion icon during the show's ten seasons from 1994 to 2004, known for her stylish outfits while working at Bloomingdale's and Ralph Lauren.

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Thari Mirwah Organizations Protest Against Israeli Brutality And The Killing Of Syed Hassan Nasrullah

By M Iqbal Soomro

THARI MIRWAH: In a powerful response to Israeli aggression and the unjust killing of Hezbollah leader Syed Hassan Nasrullah, Shia organizations in Thari Mirwah organized a large-scale rally, expressing their outrage and solidarity with the oppressed. The protest march, which started from the Inambargh, was led by several prominent figures, including Maulana Asad Ali Shar, President of the Shia Ulema Council District Khairpur Maulana Zahoor Hussain Jalbani, Maulana Nabi Baksh Danish, Maulana Raza Hussain Rizwani, Zainwar Singar Ali Manghar, Waqar Hussain Manghar, Faiz Muhammad Soomro, and others.



against Israel and the United States, condemning their roles in the ongoing violence in the Middle East. The leaders, addressing the crowd, declared that the world is witnessing a global outcry, with every sensitive heart mourning and every eye shedding tears of blood over the atrocities being committed.

The procession made its way through the city streets, drawing significant attention as it culminated at the Thari Mirwah Press Club. Here, a passionate protest was held

leader, Syed Hassan Nasrullah, and to denounce the brutal actions of Israel. They expressed solidarity with all the victims of Israeli aggression and called for continued protests until justice is served. The protest was not only a demonstration of local support for the Palestinian and Lebanese people but also a reflection of the broader sentiment shared by millions across the world. The leaders vowed to keep their struggle alive and urged the Muslim world to unite against the injustices being carried out in the region.

MOU Signing Ceremony Held To Enhance Medical Services At DHQ Hospital TMK

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A significant step towards improving healthcare in Tando Muhammad Khan was marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DHQ Hospital Tando Muhammad Khan and the Fatimid Foundation. The ceremony, held at Fatimid's Head Office in Karachi, aims to strengthen pathology services and provide free blood transfusions to thalassemia patients at DHQ Hospital.



The partnership seeks to enhance medical services, offering crucial support to patients suffering from thalassemia and other blood disorders. As part of the agreement, the Fatimid Foundation will ensure that free-of-cost pathology services are provided to patients, significantly easing the financial burden on the underserved population in the region. Additionally, the initiative is expected to improve the overall quality of care, which has been a pressing need in the area.

The event was graced by MNA Syed Naveed Qamar Zaman Shah, former Federal Minister, who attended as the Chief Guest. Other prominent attendees included Dr. Waleed bin Azhar, CEO of Fatimid Foundation Pakistan, Mr. Shahzad Shaikh, Deputy Commissioner Tando Muhammad Khan, Dr. Sadiq Ali Khuwaja, Dis-

trict Health Officer, Dr. Shahla Gul Shah, Medical Superintendent of DHQ Hospital Tando Muhammad Khan, and several key figures from the Fatimid Foundation and the hospital, including Dr. Amir Ali Channa, Mr. Wazir Ali Abbasi, Administrator Fatimid TMK, and other healthcare professionals. While this MOU marks a significant step forward in improving healthcare services, challenges remain. On the positive side, this partnership will likely lead to enhanced medical facilities, free blood transfusions, and better access to vital health services for the region's poor. However, the initiative will need sustained financial and operational support to re-

Dr. Muhammad Suleman G. Abro Honored At International Leadership Conference

By Sajan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: In a moment of immense pride for the community, Dr. Muhammad Suleman G. Abro, Founder and CEO of SAFWCO Microfinance Company (Pvt.) Ltd., was recognized with multiple prestigious accolades at the Masterminds Business School International Leadership Award and Conference held in Dubai. His exceptional leadership and contributions to the development sector have earned him international acclaim.



His innovative strategies in microfinance have not only transformed the financial landscape for rural communities but also promoted economic self-reliance among those traditionally excluded from formal financial systems. Dr. Abro further enhanced his expertise by completing an Executive MBA in Leadership & Management, reflecting his commitment to continuous learning and professional

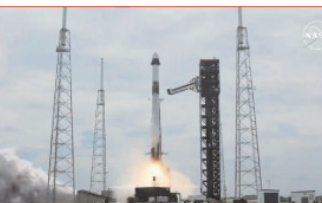
development. This accomplishment has strengthened his leadership skills, equipping him to better guide organizations toward sustainable growth and long-term success. These honors serve as a testament to Dr. Abro's dedication to excellence and his impactful leadership. The local community of Shahdadpur celebrates these significant achievements, anticipating even greater contributions from him in the future.

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GLOBAL WATCH



SpaceX launches rescue mission to bring home stranded astronauts



A SpaceX rocket lifted off with two passengers on Saturday to retrieve two American astronauts stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) for months, according to NASA.

The Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 1:17pm, carrying NASA astronaut Nick Hague and a Russian cosmonaut Alexander Gorbunov to the ISS. The mission, Crew-9, features two empty seats intended to return Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams, who have been stranded on the ISS for months due to issues with their Boeing-derived Starliner spacecraft.

"Congrats to NASA and SpaceX on a successful launch," NASA chief Bill Nelson wrote on X. "We live in an exciting period of exploration and innovation in the stars. Wilmore and Williams, originally intended for an eight-day stay, had their mission extended after propulsion problems forced NASA to reconsider their return plans. A bit unique in that this launch is a 'win' because it is moving from the plan for crew members to two," noted NASA Associate Administrator Jim Free—Agency

Israel strikes Houthi targets in Yemen after killing Hezbollah leader in Lebanon



Israel said it bombed Houthi targets in Yemen on Sunday, expanding its confrontation with Iran's allies in the region after killing the Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah on Friday in an escalating conflict in Lebanon. The airstrikes on Yemen's port of Hodeidah were in response to Houthi missile attacks on Israel in recent days, Israel said, amid fears that Middle East fighting could spin out of control and draw in Iran and Israel's main ally the United States.

The strikes took place as Israel attacked more targets in Lebanon, where its intensifying bombardment over two weeks has killed a string of top Hezbollah leaders and driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes. Lebanon's Health Ministry said Israeli strikes on Sunday had killed 24 people in Ain Deleb in the south and 21 people in Baalbek-Hermel in the east and that 14 medics had been killed in airstrikes over the past two days. Israeli drones hovered over Beirut overnight and for much of Sunday, with the loud blasts of new airstrikes echoing around the Lebanese capital. Hezbollah and Israel have been trading fire across the border since the start of the war in Gaza, which was triggered by the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas militants. Yemen's Houthis have launched sporadic attacks on Israel throughout that time and disrupted Red Sea shipping. Israel rapidly ramped up its attacks on Hezbollah two weeks ago with the declared goal of making northern areas safe for residents to return to their homes, killing much of the group's leadership.—Agency

170 dead in Nepal floods after relentless monsoon rains

KATHMANDU: Residents of Nepal's flood-hit capital returned to their mud-caked homes on Sunday to survey the wreckage of devastating floods that have killed at least 170 people across the Himalayan republic.



Deadly rain-related floods and landslides are common across South Asia during the monsoon season from June to September, but experts say climate change is increasing their frequency and severity. Entire neighbourhoods in Kathmandu were inundated over the weekend with flash floods reported in rivers coursing through the capital and extensive damage to highways connecting the city with the rest of Nepal.

Home ministry spokesman Rishi Ram Tiwari told AFP that bulldozers were being used to clear several highways that had been blocked by debris, cutting Kathmandu off from the rest of the country. "More than 3,000 people have been rescued," he added. At least 36 of those killed were aboard three vehicles and were buried alive when earth from a landslide careened into a highway south of Kathmandu, Nepal Police spokesman Dan Bahadur Karki told AFP.

The valley in which the capital sits recorded 240mm (9.4 inches) of rain in the 24 hours to Saturday morning, the country's weather bureau told the Kathmandu Post newspaper. It was the highest rainfall recorded in Kathmandu since at least 1970, the report said.—Agency

REGIONAL TIMES MONEY

FBR Expected To Extend Deadline For Tax Return Submissions

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Bureau of Revenue (FBR) is likely to extend the deadline for the submission of tax returns following the meeting of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir with the business community in Karachi, media reported on Sunday citing sources.



Sources within the FBR say that the deadline for filing income tax returns for the year 2023-24 is likely to be extended by 15 days for individuals, associations of persons, businessmen and companies.

Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Friday. President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Atif Ikram has also requested FBR Chairman Rashid Mahmood Langriyal and his team to extend the returns filing date to October 15. Ikram said that he was in constant contact with the FBR on his suggestion and noted that the last date for filing annual tax returns for individuals should be extended to October 15 so that maximum tax returns could be filed and difficulties faced by taxpayers could be eased. Meanwhile, FBR sources say that its offices will remain open on Sunday and Monday and banks and tax offices will collect tax returns till 8pm on Monday and ensure that no citizen misses out on filing tax returns.—RT/Agency

The development comes after the tax authority, last week, ruled out any extension by the September 30 deadline.

They can secure an extension owing to their specific reasons, however, the deadline will not be pushed beyond September 30 for the entire country overall, he added.

"Historically, a facility used to be given [to the masses] by extending the overall deadline. However, this time the decision has been made that the date [for submission of tax returns] will not be extended and September 30 will be the last date to file tax returns," FBR spokesperson Bakhtiar Muhammad had said while speaking to media.

However, the tax body is mulling extending the deadline after the business community, during their meeting with the army chief, suggested that the FBR should create convenience for businessmen instead of difficulties. The meeting in question refers to COAS General Munir's Karachi visit wherein he interacted with the business community and hailed their contributions towards the country's economic growth, the Inter-Services

Shia Organizations Rally In Support Of Palestinian And Lebanese Victims



By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: A significant rally was held at the Central Inambargh Hussaini, organized by the Anjumman Hussaini, Shia Rabta Council, and Asgharia Organization, in collaboration with the Shia Ulema Council, to express solidarity with the oppressed Palestinians and Lebanese. The gathering also condemned the martyrdom of Hezbollah leader Syed Hassan Nasrullah, calling attention to the ongoing aggression in the region.

Let's WASH Out Dengue And Chikungunya



By Kashif Shamim Siddiqui

Dengue and chikungunya have emerged as significant health concerns in Karachi, particularly in the city's slum areas. Poor living conditions in these communities leave residents increasingly vulnerable to these viral diseases.

outbreaks. In addition to improving sanitation, WASH Committees will lead awareness campaigns within the community. These initiatives will educate residents about disease prevention, recognizing dengue symptoms, proper waste disposal, and the importance of a clean environment. Acting as a bridge between the community and health officials, these committees will ensure that vital health information reaches everyone, particularly those in marginalized areas who may lack access to such resources.

Many individuals in these slums grapple daily with poverty and lack access to essential health and sanitation services. As a result, many remain unaware of the risks posed by viral infections or the preventive measures available to them. However, some community members recognize the urgent need for action to protect lives.

WASH Committees do more than just clean; they empower communities to take charge of their health. Their work fosters a culture of hygiene and preventive care, reducing the community's dependence on external assistance and equipping them to face health challenges independently. By nurturing a sense of ownership and responsibility, WASH Committees will lay the groundwork for long-term health improvements in Karachi's slums. In the ongoing struggle against dengue and other viral diseases, WASH Committees provide a well-organized and sustained approach to sanitation and hygiene. Their efforts extend beyond individual actions, positioning them as key players in maintaining a healthy environment that helps prevent disease transmission. The success of these committees will be essential in fostering healthier, more resilient communities in the city's slums.

Karachi is a vast city with numerous residents living in overcrowded slums that often lack basic amenities, such as clean water and effective waste management systems. Stagnant water is a prevalent issue in these neighborhoods, providing ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes that transmit dengue and chikungunya. Poor sanitation exacerbates ongoing health challenges, making it difficult for residents to prioritize their health amid financial struggles. This situation under-

scores the need for community-driven solutions that address both immediate health risks and the underlying issues that contribute to them. While general precautions—such as eliminating stagnant water, using mosquito nets, and applying repellents—are essential, they only provide temporary relief. Sustainable change requires organized, community-led efforts. This is where Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Committees become vital. These committees empower communities to understand the risks and actively enhance sanitation and hygiene practices to mitigate the spread of diseases like dengue.

WASH Committees will spearhead community cleanup drives to eliminate waste and stagnant water, which attract mosquitoes. They will also regularly assess sanitation conditions in their neighborhoods. By maintaining communication with local authorities, these committees will promptly report sanitation issues, ensuring that necessary resources are allocated to uphold hygiene standards. Their ongoing efforts are crucial in the battle against viral

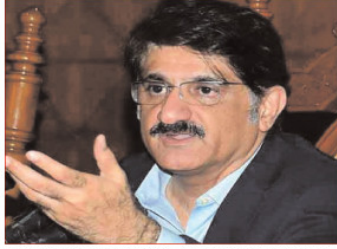
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Murad Allocates Rs1.5 Billion For Karachi Road Repairs

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah announced a strong focus on addressing Karachi's challenges, emphasizing efforts to enhance public convenience. He confirmed that road repair work in the city began following recent rains, with the Sindh government releasing Rs1.5 billion to the Municipal Corporation specifically for these repairs.

The Chief Minister highlighted that a total of Rs200 billion is being invested in various projects across Karachi, with significant progress on key transportation initiatives. He noted that the completion of the Red Line and Yellow Line BRT



projects is expected to greatly alleviate transportation issues in the city.

Additionally, he mentioned that discussions have resumed with Chinese offi-

cial, facilitated by the federal government, regarding the restoration of the Karachi Circular Railway, a project that the Pakistan Peoples Party aims to bring

to fruition for citizens soon. Murad Ali Shah also pointed out that the Malir Expressway's completion will enhance traffic flow and reduce congestion in Karachi. Plans are underway for a new expressway connecting Karachi Port to Jam Sadiq Bridge. He emphasized that once projects related to transport, road improvements, the Safe City initiative, and the K-4 project are completed, Karachi will emerge as a major city.

Previously, the Chief Minister chaired a meeting to assess the damage caused to city roads during the 2024 rainfall. He ap-

proved Rs1.5 billion for necessary repairs and instructed the Local Government Department to evaluate the conditions of roads constructed or repaired since 2022 that were subsequently damaged.

Karachi Mayor Muratza Wahab reported that approximately 17.86 million square feet of road area was affected during the rainfall. He noted that around Rs1.5 billion is required for the repair and reconstruction of damaged roads, bridges, and flyovers, a request that the Chief Minister promptly approved, directing that quality work be carried out.—RT



KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman along with other party leaders is addressing a press conference, at the Idara-e-Noor-ul-Haq.—RT

Sindh To Launch New Development Projects Worth \$450 Million With World Bank Support: Nasir Shah

KARACHI: Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, the Provincial Minister for Development and Planning in Sindh, announced that several new development projects will be initiated throughout the province with the assistance of the World Bank. He made these remarks during a high-level meeting at the Development and Planning Department's office, attended by Chairman PND Najam Ahmad Shah and other officials.



The meeting revealed that while the World Bank had pledged \$450 million for new development initiatives in Sindh, only \$200 million has been disbursed to date. Minister Shah emphasized the need to expedite the commencement of these development projects and men-

tioned his plans to engage with the World Bank regarding the remaining funds. He expressed optimism that the remaining amount would be released soon, as the World Bank has expressed satisfaction with the progress of ongoing development projects in Sindh and commended the Sindh government's initiatives. The new projects will focus on irrigation, water rescue, and road development, with the Minister highlighting Chairman Bilawal Bhutto's keen interest in these schemes. Shah reiterated the urgency of launching these projects promptly with World Bank support.—RT

Grand Opening Of The Carnivore Restaurant Held In Karachi



KARACHI: Following the tremendous success of its branches in Islamabad, Lahore, and Riyadh, the Carnivore - Baked Meat Restaurant made a grand entrance today with an elaborate launch event, attended by prominent figures from the city. Notable attendees included Consul General of Italy HE Danilo Giurdanel, Vice Consul General of Kuwait Mr. Abdullah M. Almansour, Honorary Consul General of Morocco Mr. Ish-tiaq Baig, and various renowned personalities such as Sheema Kermani, Ameena Saiyid, Seemi Pasha, Angie Marshall, Tapu Javeri, Asim Battal, and many others.

The restaurant prides itself on its motto of "Service within three minutes," having established a strong reputation across its chain for both delivering on this promise and offering unique, health-conscious dishes. No wonder The Carnivore has rapidly become the fastest-growing restaurant chain in Pakistan and internationally, with its fourth branch opening within just a year.

During the event, the visionary brothers behind the venture, Shoab and Zohaib, expressed their excitement about launching in Karachi. Shoab remarked, "I am overwhelmed by the support and affection we have received since arriving here. We are thrilled to be in this wonderful city that appreciates diverse culinary offerings." It's noteworthy that the brothers have plans to open their next restaurant in Dubai soon.—RT

He reiterated the PPP's long-standing commitment to improving the lives of the underprivileged, laborers, farmers, and marginalized groups. Ghani described Karachi as a microcosm of Pakistan, representing all communities, religions, and ethnicities. He urged unity among the diverse communities of Karachi for the city's progress and development, noting that the residents face common challenges. "Achieving Karachi's progress requires our collective unity," Ghani stated. He advocated for ideological discussions rather than divisive politics based on ethnicity. The minister lamented the impact of hate-driven politics in Karachi over the past three to four decades, recalling tragic incidents involving members of the Pakhtun community. He expressed hope that the politics of hatred are fading, allowing for peaceful political engagement. Ghani concluded by asserting that the PPP is well-equipped to foster unity and development in Karachi.—RT

Bilawal Bhutto Has Achieved A Milestone By Building Consensus For New Constitutional Court: Saeed Ghani

KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani praised Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto for achieving a significant political milestone by uniting various political parties in support of establishing a new constitutional court in the country.



Ghani made this statement during a reception at a banquet hall on Sunday, celebrating the integration of the Pashtoon Quami Movement (PQM) into the PPP, led by Chairman Dawood Jan. He emphasized that the establishment of a new constitutional court aligns with the PPP's election manifesto and is also a component of the Charter of Democracy signed with the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) in 2006.

The minister noted that the court's formation represents a commitment to both the PPP's manifesto and the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. He asserted that no other political party possesses a leader who can rival Bilawal's political acumen and growing popularity. Ghani highlighted that the PPP consistently provides representation to candidates from diverse ethnic backgrounds in the Senate, assemblies, and local government. He stated that no other party exhibits the same level

of inclusivity and broad-mindedness.

Responding to a media inquiry, he addressed a controversial judgment regarding reserved assembly seats awarded to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, citing criticism from various legal experts, including those outside the PPP. He emphasized the need to uphold the powers of parliament in light of differing opinions between the legislative and judicial branches.

Welcoming PQM office-bearers into the Peoples Party, Ghani acknowledged the PQM's previous efforts to strengthen its presence in Sindh and other provinces, focusing on resolving the challenges faced by the Pakhtun community.

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Ayesha Farooqi Elected Unopposed As Chairperson Of Handicraft Association

KARACHI: Ayesha Farooqi has been elected unopposed as the Chairperson of the Handicraft Association, with Kashif Zaheer assuming the role of Senior Vice Chairman and Asma Amir as Vice Chairperson.



During a central meeting focused on the nomination of office-bearers, Ayesha Farooqi, Kashif Zaheer, and Asma Amir were all elected without contest. Additionally, Nida Inayat Nawab was nominated as the Executive for Sindh, while Bagiya Zahri will serve as the Executive for Balochistan.

In her remarks, Ayesha Farooqi emphasized the commitment to promoting women's handicraft skills from across Pakistan at both domestic and international levels. Following her unopposed election, various leaders extended their congratulations, including Sardar Abdul Majeed Arain, Central President of the organization, Arain Muhammad Jameel Arain, Asma Wajid, Director of AZB Global Trade and Exhibition, Syed Tarab Shah, Chairman of AZB Global Trade and Exhibition, and Muhammad Farooq Afzal, CEO of AZB Global Trade and Exhibition.—RT

Police Clash With Protesters In Karachi During Nationwide Demonstrations Following Nasrallah's Killing



KARACHI: Police deployed tear gas and protesters responded with stones on Sunday evening in Karachi during a rally that was part of widespread demonstrations across the country condemning Israel's killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and its ongoing bombing campaign in Lebanon.

In Karachi, a substantial crowd, including women and children, gathered to denounce the killing of the Hezbollah chief, chanting slogans against Israel and its long-time ally, the United States.

According to the Karachi Police, the rally was organized by the religio-political party Majlis Wahdat Muslimen (MWM). The protest was set to start at the PIDC intersection, progressing towards Mai Kolachi Road via the ICI Bridge, and concluding at the US Consulate.

Thousands joined the protests nationwide after Hezbollah confirmed on Saturday that Nasrallah had been killed in an Israeli airstrike in Lebanon, as reported by AFP. Tel Aviv acknowledged conducting an airstrike in the southern suburbs of Beirut the previous day, marking a significant setback for the group amid escalating Israeli attacks.

However, several protesters began their march from the Old Numash roundabout along MA Jinnah Road. When they attempted to approach the US consulate after

descending from the Native Jetty Bridge, police stationed there prevented them from advancing. The police had already established barriers and containers on MT Khan Road and Mai Kolachi Road to block access to the consulate. Tensions escalated when protesters attempted to dismantle these obstacles, leading to clashes.

Social media footage captured clouds of tear gas as protesters gathered near Bahria Complex on MT Khan Road, west of the consulate, waving Hezbollah flags and shouting slogans, while some were seen throwing stones at riot-equipped police.—RT/Agency

MQM-P Signals Potential Exit From Government



KARACHI: The Muttahida Qaumi Movement - Pakistan (MQM-P), a coalition partner in the federal government, has issued a stern warning about the possibility of leaving the government and resigning from the assembly, according to media reports on Sunday.

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) regarding the quota system, despite having an agreement with the PML-N.

Expressing his dissatisfaction, National Assembly member Mustafa Kamal stated that the MQM-P has not received the respect it deserves from the PML-N government since it took office eight months ago. Kamal criticized the federal government for instructing MQM-P to engage in negotiations with the

He emphasized that MQM-P currently lacks a mayor and that it is the federal government's responsibility to communicate with the PPP on their behalf. Kamal also highlighted the sacrifices made by MQM-P workers in restoring peace in Karachi, noting the loss of many lives during this process. He cautioned that if MQM-P withdraws from its role in the government, it could become increasingly challenging to maintain peace in Karachi.—RT/Agency

Tragic Death Of Citizen Struck By Vehicle Of PML-N Youth Wing Leader In Karachi

KARACHI: A citizen who suffered serious injuries after being struck by the vehicle of the General Secretary of the PML-N youth wing has sadly passed away while undergoing treatment at a Karachi hospital, according to media reports on Sunday.

The victim, identified as Athar, was hit by a Revo driven by Rehan Mustafa, the General Secretary of the PML-N Youth Wing, five days ago. A father of two, Athar worked at Karachi Medical and Dental College

(KMDC) and lived in Gulshan-e-Maymar. Witnesses indicated that two girls and Rehan Mustafa's brother-in-law were also in the vehicle at the time of the incident when they ran over the motorcyclist.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: Leader and activists of the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) are holding a protest demonstration against prolong load shedding and inflated electric bills, in Malir.—RT



KARACHI: View of the clash between security officials and supporters of the Majlis Wahdat-ul-Muslimeen (MWM) and Inamia Students Organization (ISO) during a protest rally against the killing of Hassan Nasrallah, Chief of Hezbollah in an Israeli Airstrike in Beirut, outside the US Consulate building. Police fired tear gas to stop people from marching towards the US consulate in Karachi. They stopped protesters near the Mai Kolachi Bridge by placing containers.—RT

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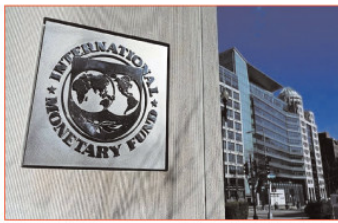
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IMF Outlines Key Targets For \$7 Billion Bailout With A Focus On Reforms

ISLAMABAD: Although the incumbent government after months of strenuous efforts finally secured the approval of a new loan programme by the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Executive Board...



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Despite short-term improvements, Pakistan faces deep structural challenges, including a difficult business environment and weak governance. The Fund has highlighted the need for broader tax reforms...

'Illegitimate' Parliament Lacks Mandate For Constitutional Amendments: Fazl

PESHAWAR: After being re-elected as the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief for five years, Maulana Fazlur Rehman has slammed the incumbent government, saying that the "fake parliament" lacks a real mandate for a major constitutional amendment.



"We want a fresh [general] election," Fazl said while addressing a press conference after the conclusion of the party's intra-party poll in Peshawar on Sunday. "This parliament does not deserve this huge constitutional amendment."

KPK CM's March On Islamabad Aims To Reenact May 9 Violence, Warns Atta Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Sunday said Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur had made his intention clear to create another May 9 like chaos in the country by announcing his plans to march on Islamabad and Punjab with force.



The minister, in a news statement, condemned the alleged remarks made by the KPK CM about use of force in the protests, calling it an admission of his own failure to govern the province effectively.

KP Chief Minister Accused Of Thuggery And Sabotage By Amir Muqam



PESHAWAR: Federal Minister and President of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Amir Muqam, has criticised the provincial government for its lack of policy, rampant corruption, and deteriorating law and order situation.

target [after Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh's martyrdom] to hit the Palestinian movement. He added that despite Nasrallah's martyrdom, "Jihad will be continued till the independence of Al-Aqsa Mosque."

Fazl warned that the fire that erupted in Lebanon by Israel could engulf the entire world. The politico urged the Arab countries to devise a combined defence system, otherwise, the flames of war would affect all of them.

Prior to his press conference, Maulana Fazl was re-elected unopposed as the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief for a five-year tenure as the politico-religious party held its intra-party polls.

According to the party's spokesperson, the election was held during a general council meeting at Mufi Mahmood Markazi, Peshawar.

The meeting was attended by nearly 1,500 general council members from across the country, added spokesperson Aslam Ghauri.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Condemns Israel's 'Reckless Killing' Of Hezbollah Leader Hassan Nasrallah: Foreign Office

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday condemned Israeli "adventurism" in the Middle East region, terming the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Lebanon a "reckless act", constituting a major escalation in the region.



Lebanon's Hezbollah had on Saturday confirmed that its leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah was killed and vowed to continue the battle against Israel. Tel Aviv said it conducted an airstrike in Beirut's southern suburbs a day earlier in what would be a devastating blow to the group as it reels from an escalating campaign of Israeli attacks.

Shehbaz Expresses Condolences Over Tragic Flooding In Nepal



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday expressed his heartfelt sorrow and sadness over the tragic loss of precious lives resulting from the devastating floods in Nepal. In a post on social media platform X, the prime minister stated, "Our hearts go out to Nepali Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and the people of Nepal during this difficult time."

Government Will Face Repercussions For Breaching Rawalpindi Agreement: Hafiz Naem

KARACHI: Hafiz Naemur Rehman, the Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, accused the government of violating the Rawalpindi Agreement and warned that it would face consequences for its actions.



Addressing a press conference at the Noor Haq Institute on Sunday, he criticised the high electricity costs resulting from unfavourable Independent Power Producer (IPP) agreements and oppressive taxes imposed on the public and traders.

Rehman announced the launch of the next phase of the 'Haq Do Awam' (Give Rights to the People) movement, which includes nationwide protests against these issues.

He indicated that the movement has options for a long march to Islamabad and a potential strike lasting one to three days. From October 23 to 27, a public referendum will also be conducted regarding the non-payment of electricity bills across the country.

He further criticised Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent statements at the United Nations regarding Kashmir and Palestine, arguing that by endorsing a two-state solution, the prime minister was attempting to placate the US and Israel, which contradicts the historical resistance of Hamas and Hezbollah against Israeli and American forces. He condemned discussions surrounding a two-state solution for Palestine, stating that such talks merely serve to appease the United States and Israel.

He outlined plans to show solidarity with the people of Gaza and to protest against Israeli aggression. Major events are scheduled, including public gatherings in Chitral on October 2 and Faisalabad on October 4, culminating in a significant "Gaza and Lebanon Million

He stressed that the liberation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque is a matter for the entire Muslim community, not just a single political party. He said he plans to engage with both the government and opposition parties to unite on a single agenda regarding Israel. He asserted that if the Muslim community, especially its leaders, were to unite, Israel would lack the courage to continue its Pakistan's national bombings in Gaza. He criticised the silence and cowardice of current rulers, suggesting that it has emboldened Israel to extend its aggression into Lebanon.

NA Speaker Congratulates Fazl On His Uncontested Election As Ameer Of JUI

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Sunday congratulated Maulana Fazlur Rehman on his successful election as Ameer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam and to Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri for his successful election as General Secretary JUI.

He expressed his best wishes for Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri. "Maulana Fazlur Rehman is not only a prudent and far-sighted political leader but also a renowned Islamic philosopher." Under his leadership, JUI has always proved itself as principle-based political party," he