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MNA Rafique Ahmed Jamali Oversees Preparations For Monumental October 18 Hyderabad Rally

By Roshan Memon

JOHI: In Jochi, leaders of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and its affiliated organizations held a large meeting to discuss arrangements for the planned October 18 rally in Hyderabad, commemorating the Karsaz tragedy. The meeting was chaired by PPP MNA and District President Rafiq Ahmed Jamali.



During the meeting, Rafiq Ahmed Jamali emphasized that the district of Dadu will send thousands of vehicles to the rally, showcasing a historic turnout of PPP supporters. He highlighted the party's enduring sacrifices and its clear stance against elements that threaten the country. Jamali stated that the PPP remains a guardian of democracy, countering conspiracies within the country.

He urged the public to distance themselves from conspiratorial groups, asserting that these factions only aim to mislead the people.

Jamali assured that the rally would feature historic addresses by PPP Chairman Bileval Bhutto Zardari and senior party leaders, paying tribute to the sacrifices of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto. He criticized opposition parties for failing to offer relief to the public, stating that they were merely wasting resources to confuse the populace. Jamali reiterated that the PPP prioritizes the edu-

ated youth in job opportunities based on merit.

The party leaders instructed workers to arrive on time for the rally, with all caravans departing from Dadu to Hyderabad. The meeting concluded with a directive to intensify outreach efforts for rally participation. Other leaders also addressed the meeting, including Gulam Dastagir Gorar, Dr. Sajela Manzoor Laghari, and others.

SUC Condemns Martyrdom Of Syed Hassan Nasrallah In Mass Protest

SHAHDADKOT: In Qubo Saeed Khan, the Shia Ulema Council of Pakistan organized a protest rally in response to the martyrdom of Hezbollah leader Syed Hassan Nasrallah, following the directives of the Jaffaria community leader, Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi. The rally culminated in a demonstration in front of the press club.



Key figures, including Khadim Hussain Jagirani, Syed Subhan Ali Shah, Mirza Khari, Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Nazir Ahmed Chandio, Muhammad Punhal Kori, Dilbar Chandio, and Syed Muharam Shah, addressed the gathering. They expressed that the martyrdom of Syed Hassan Nasrallah is a significant loss for the Muslim world, evoking

widespread sorrow among Muslims globally. The speakers emphasized that Shaheed Nasrallah dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of Muslims, asserting that he was unjustly martyred by Zionist terrorists. They made it clear that such acts of aggression would not deter the movement for justice.

The protesters demanded immediate action against Israel and its supporting forces involved in the incident, calling for justice for the blood of the martyr. The rally highlighted the community's solidarity and determination to continue their struggle for the rights of oppressed Muslims worldwide.

Jacobabad Journalists Rally For Justice Following Ihsan Chang's Tragic Death

By M. Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: In Jacobabad, journalists from the Azad Media Press Club and the National Press Club held a protest rally against the failure to arrest influential individuals who attacked journalist Ihsan Chang of Jamnab. The rally started from the Azad Media Press Club and proceeded through various city streets, with demonstrators carrying placards de-

manding protection for journalists and the arrest of those responsible for the attack.

Protest leaders, including Nawab Ali Langah, president of the Azad Media Press Club, and Muhammad Ali Surhio, president of the District National Press Club, addressed the crowd at the DCO gate. They emphasized that journalists in Pakistan, especially in Sindh, face increasing insecurity. They called on the SSP of Khair-

pur to swiftly apprehend the assailants and ensure they receive severe punishment.

The speakers highlighted that a powerful mafia aims to silence the voices of truth-telling journalists in the region. Numerous journalists, including Shahryar Jakhrami, Zulfikar Soomro, and others, participated in the rally, expressing solidarity for their colleague and advocating for press freedom.

MNA Mahesh Kumar Malani Steps In Amid Badin Students' Uproar Over MDCAT Protest

By Ashraf Kunbahr



MITHI: A meeting of the National Health Services Regulation and Coordination Committee was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Mahesh Kumar Malani, MNA of the Pakistan People's Party. During the meeting, the committee received a briefing from the PMDC regarding the admission test for medical and dental colleges for the year 2024. They also directed an inquiry into the issues faced by students during the entrance test.

Badin Students Stage Uproar Over Anticipated MDCAT Results

By Raja Zafar Iqbal



BADIN: Students protested in front of the press club against the release of MDCAT results, demanding that a case be filed against their classmates.

During the protest at the Badin Press Club, student leaders stated that educational tests in Sindh have become a joke. They emphasized that children from poor backgrounds, who strive to get an education despite immense challenges, end up in despair and face unemployment despite their skills.

Tando Allahyar Police Swoop Down, Arrest 10 In Sweeping Crackdown

By Afaque Khanzada



TANDO ALLAHYAR: In a series of intensified operations, Tando Allahyar Police, under the directives of SSP Abrez Ali Abbasi, has been cracking down on drug dealers, criminals, and illegal substances. Recent efforts have led to the arrest of multiple suspects and the seizure of significant quantities of narcotics. According to the details, 13 packets of Royal King gutka, 590 mainpuri, 880 packets of mawa gutka were recovered by the police, beside arresting 11 suspects. 9 cases were registered at different police stations in the government's name. The arrested men included Shakil, Sain Bux, Gulzeb, Muhammad Owais, Muhammad Anif, Asif, Walid, Rohi Das, Mushtaq Khaskheli and Naem Ahmed. These operations highlight the police's commitment to tackling drug-related crimes and ensuring public safety in the region.

Shia Ulema Council Rises In Peaceful Protest Against Israeli Aggression

By M Iqbal Soomro

THARI MIRWAH: In Thari Mirwah, the Shia Ulema Council organized a significant peaceful protest to express solidarity with the Palestinian people and to denounce the brutal actions of the Israeli occupation forces. This event was inspired by the martyrdom of Shaheed Syed Hassan Nasrullah and was conducted under the directive of the leader of the Jaffaria community, Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi.



The protest, which took place in the heart of Thari Mirwah, was chaired by General Secretary Syed Gulam Abbas Dasti. Prominent figures present included Maulana Qalab Abbas Hajano, Dr. Syed Nadeem Abbas Shah, and the district president, Maulana Zahoore Hussain Roohani. Maulana Nabi Bakhsh Danish and other local leaders also participated, demonstrating a strong collective front.

Participants of the protest carried placards and chanted slogans ex-

pressing their support for Palestine, emphasizing their commitment to stand against oppression. The gathering served as a platform to raise awareness about the ongoing struggles faced by the Palestinian people and to condemn the violent tactics employed by the Israeli forces.

During the protest, leaders highlighted the importance of unity among the Muslim community in the face of adversity. They reiterated their unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and Lebanon.

MWM, SUC Lead Massive Protests Against Palestinian And Lebanese Muslim Genocide

By Irfan Morio



DOKRI: In Dokri, a rally was organized by the MWM and the Shia Ulema Council in response to Israeli aggression. Led by Divisional President Zakir Hussain Bughio, alongside prominent figures like Allama Irfan Haider, Allama Nasir Abbas, and others, the rally commenced from the central Imambarah al-Hussaini and marched through the city.

During the rally, leaders addressed the participants, condemning Israel for its systematic killings of innocent Palestinians and recent bombings in Lebanon, which they described as an act of genocide against Muslims. They asserted that the Muslim Ummah would not tolerate such aggression and vowed to respond vigorously, similar to Iran's stance.

The speakers emphasized solidarity with Hamas and Hezbollah, stating that Muslims worldwide stand united against Israeli aggression. They pointed out that the martyrdom of Ismail Haniyeh and Hassan Nasrallah, warning that protests backed by American support, has only strengthened their demands were met.

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The leaders called on the United Nations and the International Court of Justice to halt the bombing of innocent Palestinians and Lebanon and to hold Israel accountable for its crimes against humanity. Additionally, a prayer was held for the absent funeral of Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah.

The participants urged the international community to raise their voices against Israel, warning that protests backed by American support, has only strengthened their demands were met.

Umerkot Rally Calls For Unbreakable Unity Among Religious Groups

By Muhammad Bachal



UMERKOT: Various religious parties, including Umerkot Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan and Pakistan Sunni Tehreek, organized a rally in Umerkot titled "Tajdar Khatm-e-Nabuwat and Stabilization Pakistan Peace March." Thousands of participants from across Sindh gathered for the event. Prominent leaders from TLP and Sunni Tehreek Pakistan, including Mufti Munibur Rehman, Pir Abdul Khaliq (Mian Mitho), Mufti Jan Muhammad Naemmi, and others, attended and addressed the gathering.

Umerkot, known as a land of love, peace, and mysticism, is home to people who honor the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). The rally emphasized that efforts to incite religious discord in Sindh are unwelcome. The speakers con-

demned factions at-

tempting to sow chaos and disrupt peace, in the name of religion, asserting that the law of the land provides for the punishment of those who love for the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW), reinforcing the idea that true victories lie in unity, not division.

Foundation Laid For Groundbreaking New Facilities At LUMHS

By Munawar Chandio



JAMSHORO: The Vice Chancellor of Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS), Prof. Dr. Ikramuiddin Ujjan, laid the foundation stone for a New Girls Hostel, Library, Cafeteria, and Academic Block at the Jamshoro campus. Prof. Dr. Ikramuiddin Ujjan emphasized that development work is progressing rapidly across the campus, aimed at creating an excellent educational environment for students.

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Must We Constantly Humiliate Ourselves

The events unfolding in Islamabad, as police clash with PTI supporters ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, are nothing short of an embarrassment for Pakistan. This should have been a moment to showcase our ability to host high-level international gatherings, presenting a united and orderly front. Instead, we find ourselves in a repeat of chaotic confrontations that reflect poorly on our nation's governance and political maturity. How can we expect to gain respect on the global stage when we cannot maintain basic law and order during such critical events?

The deployment of the army for security purposes underscores just how precarious the situation has become. Relying on military

It feels reminiscent of the May 9th protests—another instance where the country's internal strife stole the spotlight. At this rate, will we ever reach a point where political parties like PTI can voice their grievances without it devolving into violent stand-offs with law enforcement? Or are we doomed to repeat this cycle of chaos indefinitely? For the sake of our future and our reputation, Pakistan must find a way to maintain law and order while allowing space for political discourse. Otherwise, we will continue to tarnish our image, both at home and abroad, at crucial moments like the SCO summit.



force to manage what should be civil affairs is a troubling indicator of our failure to strike a balance between political expression and public safety. Yes, citizens have a right to protest, but must it always descend into tear gas and arrests? Must we continually disrupt lives, shut down mobile services, and lock down cities whenever tensions flare?



Shahrukh Anwar Siyal Leads Emergency Meeting To Address Local Crises In Darri Town

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A meeting was convened by Shahrukh Anwar Siyal, the chairman of Darri Town and brother of former provincial home minister Sohail Anwar Siyal. The meeting saw a significant turnout from vice chairpersons and members of various union committees in Darri Town.



During the session, the vice chairpersons and members informed the town chairman about the pressing issues in their respective areas. Chairman Shahrukh Anwar Siyal directed the committee members to ensure proper arrangements for lighting, cleanliness, and sanitation

within their union councils. He emphasized the importance of maintaining law and order and urged communication with senior police officials in Larkana. Siyal stressed the need to expedite ongoing development projects to

prevent any inconvenience to local residents. He declared that addressing the fundamental problem faced by citizens is the top priority, asserting that no negligence would be tolerated in this process.

DC Naveed Rehman Larik Leads Critical Meeting On Labor Security Amid Rising Concerns

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A meeting of the District Vigilance Committee regarding the social security of laborers and bonded labor was held at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Umarkot, chaired by Naveed Rehman Larik. He emphasized the need to identify all brick factories and industries in the district and register the workers employed there.

Larik instructed that a team be formed to collect data on laborers and issue social security cards. He also directed the Assistant Director of the Environment De-

partment to ensure that all brick manufacturers adopt zigzag technology. Additionally, ADHO Dr. Essar Das was tasked with sending a team to provide medical treatment for workers in brick kilns. The committee decided that the Umerkot labor department and the social organization SPARK would collaborate to determine the number of workers in brick industries within a week. Reports will be presented by key officials, including District Labor Officer Gulzar Ahmed and others. Social organization SPARK representatives also attended the meeting.

Newlywed Couple Makes Desperate Plea For Protection After Love Marriage

By Saleem Soomro

Larkana: Abida, a resident of Majeed Colony in Dadu, held a press conference at the Larkana Press Club with her husband, Muhammad Ibrahim Lakhtyoo. She shared that she eloped with Ibrahim on September 27, choosing to marry him of her own freewill. Following their marriage, they filed a protection application in the Session Court in Larkana.



Abida stated that since their marriage, her family especially her father, Muhammad Pearl Khokhar, and brothers have turned against them, threatening to kill them under the pretext of honor. She expressed that her relatives have also threatened to file false kidnapping charges against her husband and his family, which she described as acts of injustice and oppression.

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Abida appealed to the Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court, the IG of Sindh Police, and the DIG and SSP of Larkana to take notice of the situation and provide them with protection and justice.

Corpse of Jatoo Community Man Discovered in Larkana, Sparking Outrage

The body of Gada Hussain Jatoo, a laborer who was reportedly abducted, was discovered with signs of violence. The police have sent the body for postmortem examination. Two suspects have been arrested as the investigation into the

incident unfolds. The DIG and SSP of Larkana have taken notice of the situation.

According to reports, Gada Hussain Jatoo was abducted late Friday night from the Walid Muhalla area of Larkana city. His body was found near the Arjia Phero bypass. Relatives, including Saifullah Jatoo, stated that members of the Magso community were involved in his abduction, and they have reported the incident to the police at the Walid station. Saifullah Jatoo demanded the arrest of those responsible for Gada Hussain's murder to ensure justice. The police at the Arjia Phero station mentioned that the reasons behind the incident are still unclear, but they have arrested two individuals and are investigating various aspects of the case.

In the meantime, the DIG and SSP of Larkana have ordered the arrest of the culprits. Following the postmortem, the victim's body was handed over to the family, leading to a scene of mourning as it arrived at their home. As of the latest reports, no formal case had been registered regarding the incident.

JSQM Launches Protest Over Lack Of Facilities, Staff Misconduct At Taluka Hospital Tando Adam

By Mumtaz Ali

TANDO ADAM: In Tando Adam, the Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz (JSQM) organized a protest against the lack of facilities at the Taluka Hospital and the inappropriate behavior of staff towards patients. According to reports, the protest was led by JSQM District Sanghar Organizer Azad Kunbhar, Taluka President Shabeer Korojo, Irshad Brohi, Sanwal Sindh, and others. They started a rally from Muhammad Chowk and held a demonstration on MA Jinnah Road.



During the protest, the leaders stated that corruption is rampant in the only taluka hospital serving a population of over 300,000. They highlighted that poor patients do not have access to adequate treatment facilities, as doc-

tors prefer to work in private hospitals and their own clinics instead of fulfilling their duties at the public hospital. They claimed that medications are given only to favored individuals and that there is a severe lack of basic facilities.

Despite having ambulances, patients do not benefit from them and are forced to undergo tests outside. The protestors condemned the staff's disrespectful behavior towards patients. They demanded that basic facilities be provided in the hospital and that action be taken against the staff exhibiting inappropriate conduct. If their demands are not met, they threatened to file a petition in the Sindh Chief Justice's court.

Islamabad National Press Club Delegation Makes Historic Visit To Sindh



By Sajjan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: A delegation from the Islamabad National Press Club, led by President Azhar Jatoo, visited Sindh at the invitation of the provincial government. During their tour of Sukkur, Gambat, Shaheed Benazirabad, and Sanghar, they received a warm welcome and cultural gifts, including Sindh Ajrak and Lungis.

The delegation, greeted by PPP leader Rajesh Kumar Hardasani, praised Sindh's infrastructure, noting the excellent roads and various government initiatives for clean water and health services. Rajesh highlighted the rights of minority communities and funding for places of worship. The journalists expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and love shown during their visit. They continued their journey to Nawabshah, where they were also warmly received.

Sakrand Hosts Inspiring Session On Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai's (RA) Timeless Poetry

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: A thought-provoking session on the poetry of Sindh's great poet Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai (RA) was organized at Muhammad Bux Mahar Library in Sakrand, hosted by library founder Ayaz Mahar, Azhar Mahar, and former Secretary of Sindh Adabi Sangat Muhammad Hanif Soomro. The event featured notable speaker Atta Chanhio and was attended by many young participants.



During the session, Atta Chanhio explained various aspects of Bhittai's poetry. Numerous questions regarding the poetry were posed by the youth, to which Atta Chanhio provided detailed responses. He expressed concern that instead of promoting Bhittai's poetry through

the state, the focus has shifted to presenting favored individuals at the annual Latif Award ceremony, often those with little connection to Bhittai's work. In response to a question, Atta Chanhio noted that while Bhittai celebrated seven heroes linked to Hindu culture, his thoughts transcended religious boundaries, emphasizing truth, love, principles, and honesty.

He stressed that if the state were to understand and implement Bhittai's philosophy, it could lead to a better society, although he doubted such intentions due to existing deficiencies in their approach. Chanhio encouraged the youth to read and understand Bhittai, as there is much to learn from his work. The session also saw the participation of Qazi Javed Sanai, Khair Muhammad Lakho, Bashir Lashari, Zeeshan Soomro, Gulam Nabi Mallah, and Parvez Soomro, among others.

725 Sacked Teachers Launch Fierce Protest For Reinstatement In Mirpurkhas

By Younis Chanodio

MIRPURKHAS: In Mirpurkhas, sacked teachers staged a protest rally, marching from the Station Chowk to the Press Club. Teacher leaders Khalid Bhatti, Sunil Kotak, and others informed journalists that 725 intern subject specialist teachers have been sacked by the Education Department, and they are protesting against this decision.



The leaders stated that issuing the dismissal letter on August 26 was a regrettable decision by the Education Department. The

teacher leaders appealed to President Asif Ali Zardari, Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, and Education Minister Syed Sardar Shah to reinstate the 725 teachers so they can earn their livelihood. In response to a question, the teachers stated that if they are not reinstated, they will continue their protest.

Syed Ghulam Mehdi Shah Kazmi Extends Heartfelt Condolences Over Lal Bux Kaheri's Passing

By Dildar Samo

TANDO ADAM: In a condolence statement, Syed Ghulam Mehdi Shah Kazmi, an official of the Shiite Ulema Council in Sanghar District, expressed deep sorrow over the passing of renowned Noha Khawan Lal Bux Kaheri. He stated that he was saddened by the news

of Kaheri's death, particularly as the founder of the Ali Akbar Imambargah. Kazmi extended his condolences to the grieving family and emphasized that the late Kaheri's contributions to mourning rituals would always be remembered. He also prayed for the elevation of the deceased's status in the hereafter.



SPORTS



Bangladesh Women's Team Celebrates First T20 World Cup Win in 10 Years



SHARJAH: Bangladesh's women's cricket team finally ended their decade-long wait for a T20 World Cup victory, defeating Scotland by 16 runs in a thrilling opener in Sharjah.

"The win, secured by a disciplined bowling effort after Bangladesh posted 119-7, was a momentous occasion for the team and for captain Nigar Sultana Joty, who described the triumph as an "emotional milestone."

"Bangladesh's bowlers restricted Scotland to 103-7, clinching a long-awaited victory that left the players, including captain Nigar Sultana, visibly emotional, as reported by Express news.

Playing in her 100th T20I, Nigar expressed the deep significance of the win, not just for the team, but for women's cricket in Bangladesh.

Sirbaz Khan Etches His Name in History by Conquering All 14 Eight-Thousanders



KARACHI: Pakistani mountaineer Sirbaz Khan has made history by becoming the first Pakistani to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks, a feat accomplished by only a few elite climbers globally.

Khan's latest triumph came on Friday when he scaled Shishapangma, an 8,027-metre peak in Tibet without O2, marking the completion of his 14th "eight-thousander." This remarkable achievement places him in the ranks of the world's most accomplished high-altitude mountaineers.

Hailing from Hunza, Khan began his 14-peaks journey in 2017 when he successfully summited Nanga Parbat, a notoriously dangerous 8,126-metre peak. This marked the start of his journey to scale all of the world's highest mountains. Over the



years, he has conquered some of the most challenging peaks, including K2 in July 2018 and Lhotse in May 2019, where he became the first Pakistani to summit the world's second-highest peak. In July 2019, Khan added Broad Peak to his list of accomplishments, reaching its 8,051-metre summit without the use of supplementary oxygen, a feat that would become a hallmark of his climbs. Later that same year, in September, he scaled Manaslu in Nepal, becoming only

the second Pakistani to reach its 8,163-metre summit. Khan's determination was unwavering, and in April 2021, he became the first Pakistani to summit Annapurna, one of the deadliest mountains in the world. The following month, he successfully summited Mount Everest, the highest peak on the planet, standing at 8,849 metres. In July 2021, Khan led an all-Pakistani team to the summit of Gasherbrum II, standing at 8,035 metres, further cementing his reputation as a leader in high-

Ancelotti Admits Lille Defeat Was a Harsh Wake-Up Call for Real Madrid

Real Madrid manager Carlo Ancelotti is hoping the shock preparation time he has had with his players following the shock Champions League loss at Lille will be enough for his team to return to winning ways.

As they prepare to host Villarreal in LaLiga on Saturday, Ancelotti said Wednesday's match was a reality check after a penalty scored by Jonathan David earned the French side a 1-0 victory over the holders, ending the 15-times European Cup winners' 36-game unbeaten run in all competitions.



"(Villarreal) are doing really well, tomorrow it's an opportunity for us to reconnect, to get back to playing good football," Ancelotti told a press conference on Friday.

"(The mood) is fine, as always. (Wednesday's) defeat is an opportunity, if we take it and react well. We are self-critical. There are times when you have to reconnect and you need to do it quickly."

"Sometimes a good run makes you think you're invincible, but a defeat brings you back to reality. We are

still not at our level, we have players who are not at their best. We are not far from where we want to be. There is a lack of defensive intensity and, offensively, a lack of ball circulation."

Coming off a remarkable 2023-24 season in which they won the LaLiga and Champions League double, Real are second in the Spanish league standings on 18 points, three behind leaders Barcelona and one ahead of Villarreal. Ancelotti expects to get Kylian Mbappe back into the starting team after the forward missed last weekend's 1-1 derby against Atletico and came off the bench at Lille due to a hamstring injury, which led to France manager Didier Deschamps leaving his captain out of the squad for next week's internationals against Israel and Belgium.—Agency

New Contenders Emerge for Pakistan's White-Ball Captainscy After Babar's Departure

LAHORE: After star batter Babar Azam's recent resignation as Pakistan's white-ball captain, speculation is rife over who will take up the mantle next.

Among the leading contenders for the role are Test vice-captain Saud Shakeel, dynamic opener Fakhar Zaman, and all-rounder Salman Ali Agha.

Reports indicate that wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan and pace bowler Shaheen Afridi have slim chances of being considered for the role, despite their leadership experience in other formats.

Saud Shakeel, who recently replaced Rizwan as Test vice-captain during Pakistan's series against



Bangladesh, is seen as a potential candidate. Meanwhile, Fakhar Zaman, who has captained Lahore Qalandars in the Pakistan Super League (PSL), brings his own leadership experience to the table.

However, Salman Ali Agha, the least experienced among the three in terms of leadership, has yet to captain any side at the domestic level.

This leadership transition comes after Babar Azam's decision to step down from the captaincy across all formats last November, following Pakistan's disappointing World Cup campaign.

In the aftermath, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) handed the T20 captaincy to Shaheen Afridi and the Test leadership to Shan Masood.

Babar returned as captain of the white-ball team in March of this year, but his latest resignation leaves the position once again up for grabs. Previously, following Babar Azam's resignation, Mohammad Rizwan has emerged as the top contender to take over Pakistan's ODI captaincy.

Sources revealed that Rizwan's consistent performances and leadership experience make him a strong candidate for the position.—Agency

Wasim Akram Claims Babar Will 'Soar Higher' After Stepping Down as Captain



KARACHI: Former Pakistan cricketer, Wasim Akram has expressed his support for Babar Azam's decision, stating that stepping down from captaincy will allow him to focus more on his batting and eliminate unnecessary stress.

Babar informed fans of his decision to step down as captain of the white-ball teams through a social media post in recent days.

His leadership has seen Pakistan's team underperform, which has led to appreciation for his decision.

In response to an inquiry from the Cricket Pakistan representative, Akram said that Babar must have made his decision thoughtfully.

He liked consulted with his seniors, mentors, and friends, including his father. "This would not have been an easy decision, but we should respect it. I stand with Babar. He should enjoy his cricket. With reduced pressure, he will be able to

Gillespie Shares Insights on His Game-Changing Role as Pakistan's Red-Ball Coach

LAHORE: Jason Gillespie, who was appointed Pakistan's red-ball head coach in April this year, revealed that the start of his new job has not been easy.

"It's been a tough initiation, and Pakistan haven't been playing well for a while now. Look, it's a challenge. There's no doubt about that, but it's an exciting one," he told The Telegraph.

With the harsh defeat against Bangladesh by 2-0, that too at home, Pakistan's Test captain, Shan Masood has faced criticism and his leadership qualities and capabilities have been questioned.

However, Gillespie seems to be impressed with Masood's ability to communicate with his team and how



he "has got a very clear plan on how the Test side should play and we are completely aligned on that."

"There are things people don't see and I've been really impressed by his communication with the players and how he's gone about doing his job," he added.

Gillespie also listed down key points through which Pakistan can tackle England in the three-match Test series against the side starting on Monday at Multan.

The head coach, in an interview with Britain's The Telegraph conveyed that he knows the England players are going to come on to his team full force but if Pakistan just keeps hanging, then they will have a good

Three Pakistani Sisters Shine Bright at Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship



SUN CITY: Pakistan's Twin-inkle Sohail won the silver medal at the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship in Sun City, South Africa on Friday.

The powerlifter took home the silver medal in the 84kg classic bench press category.

Earlier today, Twinkle's sisters, Sybil and Veronica succeeded in winning the gold and bronze medals at the championship respectively.

Sybil was able to achieve this after lifting the 47kg category of the classic bench press event, securing a top podium finish for Pakistan.

Meanwhile, her sister Veronica clinched the bronze after showcasing her power and lifting the 52kg category.

However, the gold medal in the 52kg category was awarded to an English powerlifter, while an Indian lifter won a silver medal.

It is worth mentioning that the event, scheduled from October 4 to 13, will see participation from 15 Commonwealth nations.

The championships will feature teams from Australia, England, Canada, India, Isle of Man, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland, Wales, Singapore, New Zealand, Scotland, Trinidad and Tobago, and hosts South Africa.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's gold medalist, Muhammad Nooh Dastagir Butt will also be participating in the Men's Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship.

In addition, Haseen Raza Haider Ali and Dr Adnan will compete in various master's categories of the championship.

The aforementioned lifters are set to embark on their journey to South Africa on October 6.—Agency

Kids' Corner



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ENTERTAINMENT

Zendaya Reflects on Career's Darkest Days



Zendaya is reflecting on her time as a contestant on Dancing with the Stars in 2013, sharing valuable insights from her runner-up experience.

During an exclusive interview with EW's The Awardist podcast, the 28-year-old actress, who came second on the show alongside professional partner Val Chmerkovskiy in 2013, confessed that she hasn't watched the programme since.

"I do love my job, I'm so grateful. I love doing the work. I love being on set. I do love moments like this—don't get me wrong—but I am terrified of that part of it, often."

Previously, Zendaya confessed that she's "terrified" of fame, admitting she doesn't think she's "cut out" for the spotlight.

She said at the time, "I do love my job, I'm so grateful. I love doing the work. I love being on set. I do love moments like this—don't get me wrong—but I am terrified of that part of it, often."

Angelina Jolie on Edge as Jennifer Aniston's Social Circle Tightens Grip



Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Aniston are reportedly competing for the same spot in this year's Oscars list.

The insider kicked off the topic by saying, "You'd hope for Angie's sake, after all she put herself through to make Maria, that she could neutralize this threat," per In Touch Weekly.

"But Jer's social network is incredibly powerful, it's tightly knit, and it's full of A-listers," the source also pointed out.

Reportedly, Sandra Bullock, who has done several projects with Brad Pitt following his divorce from Angelina Jolie, is also supporting the Friends veteran.

"It's not really a mystery where Sandra's loyalty is and her friendship with Jen plugs both of them into a powerful network of awards voters," the source also confirmed.

They also explained, "This is the same crew that got Andrea Riseborough an Oscar nomination out of nowhere, and it's a lot easier for them to make sure somebody doesn't get nominated," after which they resigned from the chat.

It was previously reported, Angelina Jolie is vying to take the Academy Award for the Best Actress home with her "career-defining role," Maria.

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Ombudsman Regional Director Tours Islamia Degree College Amid Scandalous Construction Delays

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The Regional Director of the Ombudsman in Badin, Manzoor Ali Soomro, visited the under-construction college in response to complaints from students of Islamia Degree College Badin. During the visit, Principal Professor Haroon Rasheed and Associate Professor Asghar Ali Memon briefed him that 3,000 students are currently enrolled at the college. The construction, which began in March 2021 at a cost of 12.9 million rupees, was expected to be completed in



30 months, but it remains unfinished. The work has been halted for the past year and a half, and substandard materials have been used. This delay has negatively impacted the education of the 3,000 students attending the city's only boys' college, with many lacking access to washroom facilities. Written complaints have

been submitted to higher authorities, including the Deputy Commissioner of Badin, but no action has been taken. The Regional Director of the Ombudsman assured that the remaining construction work will be completed as soon as possible so that students can continue their studies without any issues.

Youth Alliance Stages Bold Protest Over Lack Of Facilities At RHC Khyber

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: A protest rally was organized by the Youth Alliance from Khyber city to the office of the District Health Officer (DHO) in Matiari, in response to the ongoing shortage of medicines in the Khyber Rural Health Center.



the hospital staff. Additionally, they highlighted that the hospital gate has been closed to restrict public access.

Leaders including Zahir Khoso, Saleem Khyber, Osama Khoso, and Shaukat Khyber Chohan, along with concerned citizens, participated in the rally. They expressed frustration over the continuous lack of medicines at the government hospital, stating that poor residents are often denied medication by

receiving necessary treatment. The leaders demanded that the Chief Minister of Sindh and the Minister of Health ensure the supply of medicines, open the hospital gate, and hand over the Khyber Rural Health Center to PPH.

Peace March Floods Kandhkot In Support Of Citizens' Rights

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: In Thul, the Jidojehad Action Committee organized a peace march in support of the ongoing protest movement in Kandhkot, demanding the restoration of law and order. The march began at the Municipal Office and proceeded through various streets and intersections before reaching Rahbar Chowk, where protesters blocked the road, temporarily halting traffic.



peace and security. Speaking to the media, committee leaders, including Jamaluddin Josh Burro and Abdul Razaq Sarwan Lashari, criticized the rising insecurity in the area caused by a few terrorists. They expressed that the police have failed to restore order, leaving citizens distressed.

They stood in solidarity with the people of Kandhkot, condemning allegations against peaceful protesters as highly inappropriate. They further noted that the poor citizens of Thul are being harassed and threatened for money, demanding the restoration of peace in Kandhkot and surrounding areas.

Urgent Construction Of Government Middle School Demanded In UC Boobak

By Qaimuddin Memon

SEHWAN SHARIF: The government middle school building in the village of Haji Alan Khan Jhejo, Union Council Boobak, is in a dilapidated condition, jeopardizing the future of students.

2022, rendering the washrooms unusable as well. During a gathering, teachers and students including Javed Solangi, Muhammad Ali Otho, Muhammad Khan Memon, and others expressed their grievances to reporters, stating that despite two years having passed since the disaster, no repairs have been made. They highlighted the lack of electricity and water facilities, which has severely affected students during the intense heat.

According to the reports, the walls and floor of the school were completely destroyed following the floods and heavy rains of

Despite repeatedly complaining to education department officials, no action has been taken. The affected teachers and students have appealed to Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah and higher education officials to take notice of the situation and address the school's urgent issues on a priority basis to alleviate their suffering.

Jacobabad All-Party Protest Erupts Over Crippling Healthcare Crisis

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: A protest rally was organized after the All Party Conference (APC) against corruption, shortage of medicines, and lack of facilities at JIMS Hospital and the Civil Hospital. Leaders including Shaban Abro, Qari Rizwanullah Chachar, Hassan Talani, Raheel Ahmed Mangi, and Shahid Hussain and others addressed the rally, highlighting the dire conditions at both hospitals. They stated that JIMS and the Civil Hospital are on the brink of collapse, with various departments, including the emergency ward, X-ray, and laboratory services,



shut down. Corruption is rampant from nursing staff to the director and medical superintendent. It was noted that even basic treatments are being referred to private medical facilities outside, despite an annual budget of 700 million rupees. The speakers called on the Sindh government to take notice of these issues, demanding the closure of private medical facilities outside the hospitals to provide relief to the public. They warned that if these issues are not addressed, they would escalate their protests.

Boy Scouts Open Group Honors Achievements With Grand Certificate Distribution Ceremony

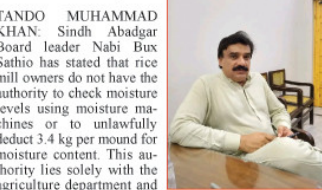
By Naz Solangi



KUMB: The Khairpur Boy Scouts Open Group held a certificate distribution ceremony at the Divisional Scouts Ground, featuring District Education Officer and District Scouts Commissioner Abdul Sami Bhambhro as special guest. Other attendees included TEO Mukhtiar Solangi and several unit leaders. Scout Leader Samar Abbas Mangi received a Wood Badge certificate, and certificates were awarded to scouts for their service during Muharram at the Haji Camp.

Nabi Bux Sathio Sounds Alarm Over Dubious Practices Of Rice Millers

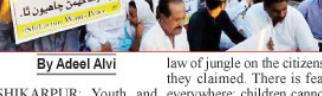
By Abdul Sattar



TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Sindh Abadgar Board leader Nabi Bux Sathio has stated that rice mill owners do not have the authority to check moisture levels using moisture machines or to unlawfully deduct 3.4 kg per mound for moisture content. This authority lies solely with the agriculture department and the market committee, which can coordinate with district administration for inspections.

He urged the government to take strict action against officials and agents allowing substandard rice exports, which harm Pakistan's market. Sathio called for federal and provincial governments to take appropriate measures against rice mills and ensure that landlords receive a fair price of 3,500 per mound for their paddy crops.

Shikarpur's Civil Society Erupts In Outrage Over Alarming Lawlessness



SHIKARPUR: Youth and citizens of Shikarpur staged a sit-in at Hazaridar Chowk against lawlessness, child abductions, robberies, and dacoities. The protest included youths such as Rashid Lashari, Ali Qureshi, Asadullah Soomro, Shoaib Sanjani, and Noor Soomro, among others. Citizens, including children, reached the protest to express their grievances against lawlessness. The protesters stated that the police have handed Shikarpur over to criminals. Innocent children are being abducted, while politicians and police remain silent bystanders, the protesters said. They have turned Shikarpur into a lawless area and imposed the

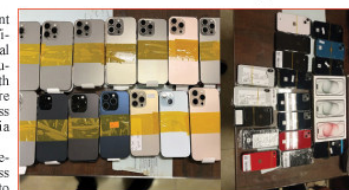
Russian General Applauds The Unmatched Expertise Of Pakistan's Military



RAWALPINDI: Deputy Chief of General Staff of Armed Forces of Russian Federation, Col General Sergey Yuravich Istrakov lauded professionalism of Pakistan armed forces and acknowledged the sacrifices rendered by them in the fight against terrorism. The Russian military official, who is on an official visit to Pakistan, expressed the view during a meeting with Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS), General Sahir Shamshad Mirza at Joint Staff Headquarters. During the meeting, both sides expressed satisfaction on positive trajectory of bilateral defence cooperation and discussed the evolving security situation in the region with a view to promote regional peace and stability, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.—RT/Agency

Customs Officials Seize High-End Phones From PIA Flight Attendants At Lahore Airport

LAHORE: In two significant operations by customs officials at Lahore's Allama Iqbal International Airport, valuable mobile phones worth millions of rupees were seized from a PIA air hostess and two passengers, media reported on Friday. Customs officials revealed that PIA Air Hostess Nadia Batool attempted to smuggle 30 iPhones, worth over Rs 11.2 million, concealed in various parts of her body and belongings. Additionally, passengers Muhammad Arshad and his wife Fanha Amin were found with mobile phones valued at Rs 5.5 million, hidden in their luggage. All three individuals were



arrested, and a case was registered. The PIA spokesperson affirmed that any employee found violating the law would face strict disciplinary actions. PIA emphasized its zero-tolerance policy towards illegal activities, stating that strict disciplinary action would be taken against the involved employees.—RT/Agency

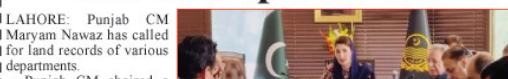
Azma Declares PTI A 'Terror Group,' Demands Immediate Crackdown



LAHORE: Following the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s insistence on holding a rally at Islamabad's D-Chowk today despite Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi's warning against it, Punjab Minister for Information Azma Bokhari on Friday said the party was not a political party and it should be treated as a terrorist entity. "The [PTI] is not a political party," Bokhari said during an interview private TV channel. To a query, the information minister said she heard the interior minister last day and she believed he would not let the PTI supporters enter the federal capital. Naqvi on Thursday warned the PTI against holding the public gathering as visits of foreign dignitaries were planned in Islamabad, including the Malaysian prime minister. Amid its anti-government

campaign, the former ruling party - founded by Imran Khan - is holding protests for the "independence" of the judiciary and the release of the former prime minister from jail. The protest will coincide with the final day of the Malaysian prime minister's visit to Pakistan and the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit - The authorities have already enforced Section 144 and "the Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act, 2024", regulating holding of public assemblies at certain places in Islamabad. "The PTI's top leadership should review its protest call [...] No one will be allowed for an onrush on Islamabad," the security czar said while addressing a presser along with officials of the federal police. Meanwhile, the provincial information minister the PTI had always worked against Pakistan's development. "The country is progressing and inflation is dropping, but they cannot sit with peace," she said.—RT/Agency

Maryam Pushes For Urgent Land Records Integration Across Departments



LAHORE: Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz has called for land records of various departments. Punjab CM chaired a session to review revenue targets of the first quarter and commended departments for achieving revenue goals. She was also directed to devise a plan for effective use of government land. Punjab CM also approved the extension of Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) for various districts of the province, making ADCD and ACs independent in the PRA affairs. Maryam Nawaz also instructed for planning to increase financial resources of the province. She directed to compile authentic data of restaurants, marriage halls and bakeries across the province. Maryam asserted that collection of revenue would be increased without imposing tax on the public and tax deposited in government treasury would be used for public welfare. She stressed serving the public but limited financial resources were the hurdles. Timeline of PRA legal framework was set and revenue generation target would be met come what may, CM added. Senator Pervez Rasheed, senior provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Information Minister Azma Bokhari, Finance Minister Mujtaba Shujaur Rehman, MPA Sania Ashiq, Principal Secretary were present in the session.—RT/Agency

Dr. Musadik Reports 55% Surge In FDI, Remittances Climb by 44%



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr. Musadik Malik said on Friday that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has increased by 55%, while remittances have seen a 44% rise. Addressing a press conference, he highlighted the government's efforts to create an investor-friendly environment, which has contributed to this significant uptick in FDI. He said that the increase in remittances showcases the trust and support of overseas Pakistanis in bolstering the national economy. "These figures reflect a positive trajectory for Pakistan's economic stability and growth," Dr. Musadik Malik said, adding that the government remains committed to sustaining this momentum and expanding investment opportunities. He said the country is expecting around 3% GDP growth due to the policies of the government, led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The minister expressed optimism that with the increase in GDP, more job opportunities would emerge, improving the living standards of the common people. Dr. Musadik Malik said that food inflation has decreased by 1.7%, from 48.1%, while overall inflation has dropped to 6.7% from 38%. Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves have been improved. Growth has been observed in the agriculture and large-scale manufacturing sectors, he added. He highlighted the government's focus on the information technology sector, mentioning that a large IT delegation from Saudi Arabia is expected to visit Pakistan. The minister also pointed out that the trade deficit has decreased and Pakistan's stock exchange is achieving new milestones, with the renowned financial journal Bloomberg recognizing it as the most emerging market in Asia.—RT/Agency

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—Albert Einstein

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Russia Moves To Officially Delist Afghan Taliban As Terror Group In Groundbreaking Decision

MOSCOW: Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Friday that a decision to remove the Afghan Taliban from a list of terrorist organisations had been "taken at the highest level", the state TASS news agency reported.

The decision needs to be followed up with various legal procedures in order to make it a reality, President Vladimir Putin's special representative on Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov, was quoted as saying.



Moscow said recent decisions by Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan to remove the former insurgent groups from a list of banned groups was a welcome step.

"It is obvious that it is impossible to solve problems or even discuss an Afghan settlement without Kabul," Lavrov said.

Malaysian PM's Meeting With COAS Sparks Talks Of Strengthening Military Bonds



RAWALPINDI: In a meeting with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim stressed on the need for increasing bilateral ties particularly military relations between Pakistan and Malaysia.

Both the dignitaries discussed bilateral strategic interests, regional security and defence cooperation in the meeting, said the military's media wing on Friday.

PM Ibrahim, along with a high-level delegation, reached Islamabad on Wednesday on a three-day visit to the country. He held crucial meetings with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President Asif Zardari, wherein they discussed a wide range of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

ATC Grants 4-Day Remand For PTI Lawyer Accused Of Threatening CJ Isa

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad anti-terrorism court has granted a four-day physical remand for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawyer Mustafa Kazmi, following accusations of misbehaving with Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa.



The ruling was delivered by Judge Tahir Abbas Supra during a court hearing on Friday.

Kazmi was presented before the court, represented by lawyers Eman Mazari and Rizwan, among others. During the hearing, prosecutor Raja Naveed read out the First Information Report (FIR) detailing the charges against Kazmi.

Army Assumes Control Of Islamabad's Security Under Article 245 As PTI Protests Escalate



RAWALPINDI/ ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army units have taken over security duties in Islamabad under Article 245 of the Constitution, following orders from the Ministry of Interior. The move comes as part of efforts to maintain law and order amid escalating Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protests in the capital.

Pakistan Rising As Global Hub For Investment, Trade, And Tourism



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attallah Tarar emphasised that Pakistan was about to become a destination for investment, trade and tourism and PM Shehbaz Sharif's policies were achieving success.

The path to progress, development and prosperity was going on smoothly and every state was recognising the fact and hailing it, he added.

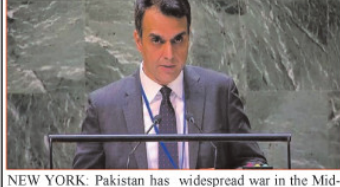
PTI Plotting Armed Attack On Islamabad During Protest Uprising

ISLAMABAD: While leadership and activists of the Imran Khan-founded party heading towards the federal capital despite roadblocks, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said everyone has the right to hold protest demonstration but the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters are going to "attack Islamabad with weapons".



"This is not the right way and we will not allow this to happen," the security czar said while talking to journalists in Islamabad on Friday.

Pakistan Demands Sweeping Global Counter-Terrorism Reforms In Urgent Appeal



NEW YORK: Pakistan has called for comprehensive global counter-terrorism reforms. Making a statement at the sixth committee of the UN General Assembly in New York, Pakistan's Acting Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Usman Jadoon, regretted that insufficient progress has been made in addressing the evolving and diverse forms of terrorism.

NA Privatisation Committee Exposes 'Out-of-Turn' Appointments In PIA Under PPP Rule



ISLAMABAD: The General Manager (GM) of Pakistan International Airlines Friday said the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) during its three tenures did "out-of-turn" appointments in the PIA, media reported.

This was stated by GM PIA Muhammad Shafique during a meeting of the National Assembly committee for privatization that met with PPP MNA Sehar Kamran in the chair.