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ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has accused the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of attempting to sabotage the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, further stating that the government would not allow such plans to succeed.



During a visit to Poly-clinic Hospital in Islamabad where the Interior Minister met with police officers injured by rioters, Naqvi slammed Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, accusing him of crossing all limits.

"The responsibility lies with the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. We tried to make him understand, but he is unwilling to listen and is crossing all boundaries," Mohsin added.

Mohsin Naqvi claimed that Ali Amin Gandapur's convoy fired at police, resulting in injuries to 80-85 police personnel.

The interior minister praised the courage of the injured officers, acknowledging their restraint despite the violent situation, and commended their dedication to upholding the law.

"You are the brave sons of Islamabad Police, and we are proud of you," Mohsin Naqvi said. Speaking to the media, Mohsin Naqvi

He praised the prime minister's strong stance on global issues, including Palestine and Kashmir, at the United Nations General Assembly.

Tarar criticised the opposition, particularly Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), for organising disruptive protests. He accused the PTI of attempting to derail Pakistan's progress, noting that the economy was showing signs of improvement, with inflation rates dropping and exports rising.

He expressed frustration over the opposition's protests coinciding with international events. He pointed out that the opposition's actions echo their 2013 protests, which delayed crucial investments, including Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit and the launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

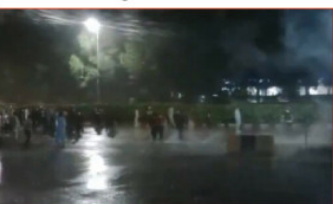
Tarar also slammed the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, accusing it of failing to lower transport fares despite falling fuel prices and neglecting development projects in healthcare and education.

He further criticised the PTI for misusing public resources to fund their protests. He assured that the government is working hard to showcase a positive image of Pakistan to foreign investors and dignitaries, emphasising the need for security and order during the upcoming SCO summit.

He said that millions of taxpayers' rupees have been spent on these protests. Government vehicles are being used, and even the fuel for private vehicles at their rallies is being provided by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, while not a single development project has been initiated there. Inflation is decreasing across the country, but not in KP because there is no focus on it. They are spending all their time on protests and pleasing their leader.—RT/Agency

Clashes Break Out Between PTI Protesters And Police At D-Chowk Amid Heavy Rainfall in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: The federal capital witnessed ongoing clashes between the police and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) activists at D-Chowk on Saturday. Following heavy rainfall, which diminished the effects of tear gas, a large number of protesters surged towards D-Chowk, prompting police to detain several activists from Jinnah Avenue.



According to media, PTI protesters organised in convoys to reach the protest site, leading to intermittent skirmishes with police. Many activists advanced towards D-Chowk, pushing back law enforcement agencies, but were met with intense tear gas shelling that forced them to retreat.

The confrontations, which began in the morning, involved protesters throwing stones and retaliating against police actions. Earlier, demonstrators successfully removed obstacles to advance towards D-Chowk.

A convoy of 800 PTI activists from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) entered Rawalpindi, where enraged individuals set a crane and a motorcycle on fire at Chungi Number 26.

The back-and-forth between police and PTI workers continued for an extended period on Jinnah Avenue, with police deploying tear gas and rubber bullets. Due to a shortage of tear gas, PTI activists took the opportunity to advance, resulting in clashes where protesters pelted stones and used slingshots against the police.

Meanwhile, a significant police and Rangers contingent arrived at K-P House to detain Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, bringing along a prisoner transport vehicle. Reports surfaced of Gandapur's arrest, though he has reportedly not yet been

apprehended while his mobile phone was said to be turned off.

PTI leader Shaukat Yousofzai confirmed that the CM was still at the K-P House where he presented demands to the administration, including the immediate release of the party's founder and addressing grievances related to ongoing injustices.

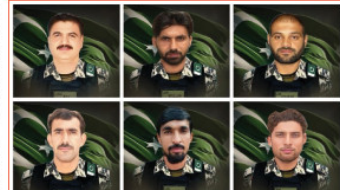
Meanwhile, PTI activists advanced past China Chowk and near D-Chowk, prompting police to order the removal of media vehicles from the area.

Renewed clashes erupted at China Chowk as police began shelling again, leading to chaotic scenes at D-Chowk where protesters set fire to trees. Police retaliated with tear gas, forcing them back toward China Chowk.

Rangers were deployed to manage the situation and regain control of D-Chowk, dispersing the PTI demonstrators. However, heavy rain in Islamabad brought relief to the protesters, alleviating the effects of tear gas. During the confrontation, a journalist from a private TV channel was injured due to police shelling and rubber bullets. Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar condemned PTI's protests, stating that the timing of their actions was unfortunate and aimed at damaging Pakistan's international standing. He stressed the need for unity and responsibility at a time when the country is hosting the SCO summit. Dar argued that the protests were intended to create chaos and undermine Pakistan's diplomatic efforts, highlighting the importance of focusing on national stability over narrow political interests.—RT/Agency

Six Soldiers, Including Lt. Col., Martyred In Gun Battle With Terrorists In N Waziristan

RAWALPINDI: A lieutenant colonel was among six soldiers who embraced martyrdom during a gun battle with terrorists in North Waziristan's Spinwama area, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Saturday.



In a statement, the military's media wing said that the exchange of fire between the two sides took place on the night between October 4-5, during which "six Khwari" were also killed. "Lt Col Muhammad Ali Shaukat was leading the operation against the khwari when he and five soldiers were martyred as a result of intense exchange of fire," the ISPR stated.

The martyred soldiers were identified as Lance Naik Muhammad Ullah, Lance Naik Yusuf Ali, Lance Naik Shahid Ullah, Lance Naik Akhtar Zaman and Sepoy Jameel Ahmed. "Security forces are determined to eradicate the menace of terrorism. Sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strengthen our determination," the military's media wing added.—RT/Agency

Conflicting Reports Surround Gandapur's Arrest In Islamabad As PTI Protests Continue

ISLAMABAD: In a dramatic turn of events, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur was 'arrested' in Islamabad moments after he entered the federal capital along with party workers for holding protest despite imposition of Section 144 on Saturday.



The chief minister was arrested by a team of the Islamabad police in KP House for "damaging public properties and attack on the state". He has also been accused of misusing state resources for his party.

The KP chief minister had earlier resolved to reach D-Chowk in the federal capital for the PTI protest on Imran Khan's call despite a ban on public gatherings and rallies. Clashes also took place between police and PTI workers at several points in the federal capital.

However, official sources have denied arrest of the KP

chief minister while declaring the reports about his detention "false". Earlier in the day, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said nobody would be allowed to sabotage the SCO summit to be held this month. Speaking to media, the interior minister said he was in constant touch with the prime minister. He stated that the army and FC had been deployed in the capital and that maximum deployment of security personnel would be ensured. Naqvi regretted that the protesters opened fire on police personnel besides using teargas shells. "We have every idea of the motives behind it," he said. Meanwhile, KP Information Adviser Barrister Saif said security officials had sealed the KP House and taken Gandapur into custody. He said the mobile phone of the chief minister was switched off as "we have no contact with him at this time."—RT/Agency

Indian Foreign Minister Jaishankar Dismisses Possibility Of Bilateral Talks At SCO Summit In Pakistan

DELHI: India's Minister for External Affairs Subrahmanya Jaishankar on Saturday said he would not discuss bilateral relations when he visits Pakistan this month, the first such visit in nearly a decade, for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.



"I expect there would be a lot of media interest because of the very nature of the relationship," Jaishankar said in response to a query at an event in New Delhi. "But I do want to say it will be for a multilateral event. I am not going there to discuss India-Pakistan relations," he added. "I am going there to be a good member of the SCO but since I am a courteous and civil person, I will behave myself accordingly," he said.

The Indian foreign ministry confirmed a day ago that Jaishankar will visit Pakistan to participate in the summit on Oct 15-16 but did not say if he would meet any Pakistani leaders on the sidelines. Relations between the two countries have gone through periods of thaw from time to time but have been largely frozen since they downgraded diplomatic ties in tit-for-tat moves in 2019. Earlier, the Foreign Office (FO) had confirmed that Prime Minister Modi was invited to the SCO Council of Heads of Government meet-

ing, which Pakistan is hosting on Oct 15-16, under its rotating chairmanship. FO spokesperson Muntaz Zahra Baloch had said, "An invitation has also been sent to the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi," adding that some countries had already confirmed their participation in the meeting.

Meanwhile, a comprehensive security plan for the upcoming SCO summit was approved on Wednesday at a meeting chaired by Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi.

The interior minister said additional personnel from Pakistan Army, Rangers, FC and Punjab police will be deployed to ensure foolproof security for the guests. In May last year, then-foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari had visited India to attend the two-day meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers. He was the first Pakistani foreign minister to visit India in almost 12 years. At a Senate panel later that month, Bhutto-Zardari called it a "productive and positive decision" to participate in the event. "As far as the Kashmir issue, bilateral issues between Pakistan and India, and the responsibilities of multilateralism are concerned, my conclusion after the trip is that it is a productive and positive decision to participate in the event," he had said.—RT/Agency

Government Lacks Five Senators And Seven MNAs For Constitutional Amendments To Reach Required Majority

ISLAMABAD: The government benches are short of five senators and seven members of the National Assembly to carry out constitutional amendments, claim sources.



"We are more deficient in numbers than before but the effort is on to achieve the magic number (two-thirds majority in both the houses)," a government source said, adding that next week is important. Media talked to three influential government members of Parliament but found none of them sure about achieving the goal of constitutional amendments regarding superior judiciary. They appear to be dependent on the work of some other

The government is also working on Akhtar Mengal of the Balochistan National Party but Maulana still remains the prime target to achieve. Before the last embarrassing anticlimax of the ruling parties' effort with regard to the judiciary related constitutional amendments, the government sources were more confident than now. Many even in the PML-N set their eyes on Bilawal Bhutto, who is making the case for setting up a Federal Constitution Court. Bilawal, however, has also not yet succeeded in wooing Maulana Fazl who remains relevant even after the latest Supreme Court decision in Article 63A case.—RT/Agency

Even if the government achieves the required number, there is an urge to have the JUI-F chief on his side instead of leaving him to join the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

According to a ruling party senator, the chances of getting through the constitutional amendments is becoming dim. However, another key MP from the treasury benches said when the 'state' takes a decision it makes the things happen.

IHC Directs Authorities To Designate Area For PTI's Lawful Protest

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed the local authorities to allocate a designated place to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for organising its demonstration and to stop any unlawful protest in the federal capital that create situation of lockdown or disrupt peace during the period of SCO summit.



The directives were issued by IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq through a three-page order on Saturday after hearing the petition filed by Traders Welfare Association President Raja Hassan Akhtar, who sought the court's order to stop the protest at D-Chowk amid the imposition of Section 144 (which bars political activities and gatherings) in the

twin cities to ensure security, ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's meeting.

Clashes also broke out between the law enforcers and party workers, with both sides claiming that the other had attacked them.

Police fired tear gas at the protesters on Saturday in the capital as well as at the convoys trying to enter Islamabad, while the workers used slingshots to hit the law enforcers.

The PTI's protests entered the second day in Islamabad while it also started in Lahore, badly affecting the routine life due to blockades of roads, police-protesters' clashes, and suspension of metro services. The high court's top judge noted that the freedom of assembly and movement are fundamental rights provided to the citizens under Articles 16 and 17 of the Constitution. Justice Farooq stated that the Ministry of Interior and the Islamabad administration were responsible for the maintenance of peace and law and order in the federal capital.—RT/Agency

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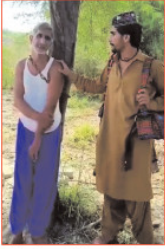
Sindh Police to conduct operations in katcha areas on decisive level

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: In the Katcha area, bandits are being targeted under the cover of darkness.

Significant progress has been made in the ongoing operation. Following the federal government's No Objection Certificate (NOC), the Sindh Police have procured military-grade weapons and technical equipment for the police forces in the districts of Kandhkot-Kashmore and Shikarpur. Rangers, police, and law enforcement agencies have developed a strategy to advance into the Katcha region, with a decision made to establish complete state authority in the area.

According to police sources, after receiving the NOC from the federal government, the Sindh Police have purchased military-grade weapons and technical equipment for the ongoing Katcha operation in the districts of Shikarpur and Kandhkot-Kashmore. The advanced weaponry includes drones capable of carrying warhead payloads that can



strike from 400 meters in the sky to distances of up to five kilometers, thermal imaging-equipped night vision drones, and launch pads. Additionally, anti-aircraft guns, LMGs, hand grenades, and modified hand-impact shell-firing mortar guns have also been acquired. These munitions are designed to explode upon impact with any surface, causing damage. The procurement of weapons by the Sindh Police is nearing completion, and drones have already been provided to the police in Kandhkot-Kashmore and Shikarpur. Other shipments

of weapons and technical equipment are expected soon. The police's APC (Armored Personnel Carrier) vehicles have also been upgraded to withstand fire from bandits' anti-aircraft guns.

Sources indicate that with the arrival of modern weaponry, the Rangers, police, and law enforcement agencies will jointly advance into the Katcha regions. They plan to encircle the area and conduct intelligence-based operations under the cover of night. This will involve shelling bandits' hideouts from 400 meters above, aiming to eradicate their presence and re-establish state authority by setting up police pickets in the relevant areas. The strategy has been finalized by DIG Larkana Nasir Aftab Pathan, the Wing Commander of Rangers, and the relevant SSPs, along with other law enforcement agencies. Meanwhile, efforts are also underway to rescue police officer Muhammad Ismail Shar, who was abducted by bandit Nisar Banglani from the police picket in the Naipur Kot area.

SUP President Syed Zain Shah opposes construction of new canals on Indus River

By Mumtaz Ali Tahim

TANDO ADAM: Syed Zain Shah, the central President of the Sindh United Party (SUP), has expressed strong opposition to what he described as "anti-Sindh decisions" concerning the region's water, mineral resources, land, and maritime assets. During a press conference held after offering condolences to senior SUP leader Mujahid Thaeem on the death of his mother at Baghi House in Tando Adam, Shah emphasized that the SUP will fiercely resist the illegal construction of canals on River Indus.

He warned that the construction of canals on the Indus River could render half of Sindh uninhabitable. Shah called for awakening national workers, patriots, and farmers, noting that if the land becomes barren, millions would be displaced. He urged



political parties to unite in preparation for the Save Indus River Movement.

Shah reiterated that canal construction would devastate Sindh's agricultural community and pledged that the people of Sindh would mobilize their strength to oppose these projects. He firmly stated that no canals should be built on the Indus River, labeling such actions a conspiracy against the land of Sindh.

Regarding law and order, Shah commented on the inse-

curity prevailing in Sindh, attributing it to a lack of accountability. He also demanded strict punishment for police officers involved in the case of Dr. Shah Nawaz Kumbhar.

The press conference was attended by prominent SUP leaders, including Roshan Burriro, Nasir Memon, Faqir Muhammad Lakho, Sanghar district president Comrade Muhammad Khan Panhiyar, and Shafi Muhammad Sand.

Recognition ceremony held for educationist Abdul Hameed Arain

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: A ceremony was held to honor Abdul Hameed Arain, General Secretary of the Pakistan Chamber of Education Sindh, for his contributions to education and social services. The event was hosted by Iftikhar Ahmed Arain, president of the central organization in Sakrand. During the ceremony, Abdul Hamid Arain emphasized that the education system in Sindh lags behind other provinces and called for collective efforts to enhance education in the region. Journalist Qurban Umrani echoed the need for collective efforts for societal improvement, stating that education can pave the



way for a brighter future. Other speakers included Abdul Wahid, Amir Arain, Haseeb, Niaz Ahmed Khichi, Mudasir Lakho, Shehzad Hussain, Samad Arain, Jameel Ahmed, and Muhammad Hanif Arain. Gifts of Lunjia and Ajrak were presented to Abdul Hameed Arain during the event.

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Jacobabad lecturer ends life after being harrassed by predatory loan sharks

By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: Two days ago, a lecturer committed suicide after receiving a letter from the predatory loan sharks. Following this, a case has been registered against the mentioned accused in Jacobabad. Anwar Ali Panhiyar, a lecturer at the Polytechnic College, faced harassment from loan sharks in the Dakan neighborhood. Based on a complaint by his wife, Mehru Nisa Panhiyar, a

case has been filed against the loan sharks: Muhammad Younis, son of Muhammad Yousif, residing in Allahabad Colony; Lala Zahoor Ahmed, son of Abdul Rahman Pathan, residing in Jafarabad; and Mumtaz, also known as Adnan Sindh, son of Mir Muhammad Marhato, residing in Jat Muhalla, Jacobabad, along with four unidentified individuals. The case has been registered at the Airport Police Station under FIR No: 98/2024, Sections:

203, 349, 506/2, 148, 149 PPC for murder, threats to kill, and extortion. Following this action by the SSP of Jacobabad, the police spokesperson issued a press statement announcing the establishment of a special cell in the SSP office. Citizens suffering from loan shark harassment are encouraged to file their complaints within the complaint cell for prompt justice. This significant step has brought a wave of happiness among the residents of Jacobabad.

Maulana Rashid Mehmood Soomro vows to continue raising his voice for people's rights



By Shahid Majeed

JHUDDO: JUI-F leader Maulana Rashid Mehmood Soomro while addressing public gathering in Jhuddo said that Sindh does not belong to the exploiters. In his brief address, he stated that they would continue to condemn Israel, as they have done in the past. He announced that on October 24, a massive conference, the Mufi Mehmood Conference,

will be held at Gamma Stadium in Mirpurkhas, where thousands will come together to inform the looters and exploiters, who have entered Sindh through fraudulent mandates, that Sindh is not their estate. He emphasized that if there is any organization in Sindh, it is Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam, which will demand accountability from the oppressive rulers of Sindh and fight for the rights of the poor populace.

SGA observes Teachers' Day in Moro



By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: The Sindh Graduates Association, in collaboration with Anchor Institute, commemorated the 24th anniversary of the late Professor Mazharuddin Memon on Teacher's Day. The event, led by Bux Ali Chandio, gathered teachers, writers, poets, parents, and activists to honor Memon's significant contributions to education and social awareness in

Sindh. Speakers highlighted Memon's role in raising awareness about rights, promoting education for marginalized children, and providing free medical camps. They emphasized the lasting impact of such figures, stating that they live on in the hearts of the people. The gathering concluded with a tribute to notable educators and a visit to their graves to lay flowers and offer prayers.

SHO Husri attends open katchery to address public issues



By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: In the Husri area of Hyderabad, a local social organization organized an open court where Inspector and SHO Maqsood Raza Manghanhar attended with his staff.

Inspector Manghanhar listened to the complaints from the community and assured them that their legitimate issues would be resolved promptly. He stated that the law and order situation in Husri is significantly improved, and the police station remains open for the public, with staff available to assist visitors and register any incidents.

He emphasized that no mafia activities would be tolerated in Husri, and strict action would continue against electricity thieves, snatchers, burglars, and drug dealers.

Hyderabad grapples with widespread drug epidemic

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad is grappling with widespread drug abuse, including opioids, cocaine, and marijuana, particularly among the youth. Drug transactions occur openly in public spaces, even near police stations. The police officers are allegedly allowing these activities to

flourish. Many low-ranking officials feel powerless against higher-ups protecting the dealers. In response, the Deputy Inspector General of Police has called an urgent meeting with district officials to address the situation and protect the youth. Similar initiatives are necessary across other areas to combat this crisis.

MPA Heer Sohu vows to play her role to better facilitate journalists



By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: During her visit to the Sujawal Press Club, PPP MPA Heer Sohu expressed her pleasure at meeting journalists and noted the crucial role they play in representing public interests. She urged for support and empowerment of print

media to ensure its survival and competitiveness. Key issues faced by journalists, including medical care, education, and employment, were also discussed. The event was attended by various local party officials and media representatives.

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KSO launches campaign to end illegal land grabbing and other civic issues

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: The Kohistan Sujag Organization in District Thatta has launched a vigorous campaign addressing critical issues in Kohistan, including illegal land occupations and the lack of job opportunities in wind energy projects. Utilizing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, the organization aims to restore blocked accounts for local residents while advocating for enhanced infrastructure, healthcare, and education in the area.



During a protest at the Thatta Press Club, leaders such as Muhammad Anwar Jakhro, Umar Burfat, and Abdul Jabbar Palari joined affected community members in condemning the land mafia. They accused these entities of displacing local residents and jeopardizing their livelihoods. Protesters highlighted that, despite rehabilitation efforts, essential services like hospitals remain absent.

Kohistan, citing the closure of water supply systems and RO plants, which have left residents without clean drinking water for years. They also lamented the lack of access to healthcare, education, electricity, and gas. Despite the presence of local and foreign companies, the local population remains excluded from job opportunities and CSR benefits, with stagnant wages for workers. Additionally, funds intended for Union Council chairpersons are not reaching the community, and illegal sand min-

ing continues to pose a significant threat. Key demands included an end to illegal land occupations, the reopening of blocked accounts, and the restoration of closed schools. Protesters called for the repair and reconstruction of dilapidated school buildings and the establishment of hospitals for medical care. They urged authorities to provide housing for families affected by rain, compensate those impacted, and conduct a comprehensive survey of homes needing rehabilitation.

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Eid Milad-e-Nabi (SAWW) celebrated at Govt Marvi Girls Degree College Badin



By Jibran Talpur

BADIN: A beautiful Eid Milad-e-Nabi (SAWW) gathering was held at Government Marvi Girls Degree College in Badin, attended by a large number of students and guests. During the event, students including Amina

Mahak, Kahkashan, Umaima, Jaweria, Aleesha, and others expressed their devotion.

Professor Razia Jameel delivered a heartfelt speech highlighting the greatness of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). Principal Professor Irfana Baloch welcomed the guests and congratulated the students and teachers for organizing the wonderful Milad ceremony. Principal Irfana Baloch thanked all the participants who attended the Mehfil-e-Milad and distributed gifts amongst the students.

World Teachers' Day observed at GBHS Mir Hassan Khan Khoso in Thul

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A ceremony to celebrate World Teachers' Day was held at Government Boys High School, Mir Hassan Khan Khoso in Thul, under the chairmanship of Headmaster Muhammad Ayoub Khoso. A large number of teachers and students participated in the event.

Sher Jaffari, Muhammad Ali Soomro, Niaz Ahmed Khoso, Abdul Karim Brohi, Irshad Ahmed Bhatti, Head Clerk Fazal Rehman Panhwar, and Wazir Ahmed emphasized the importance of education. They urged students to focus on their studies, stating that education is the "third eye" of a person and that without knowledge, a person is incomplete. They described education as a powerful weapon, even more potent than an atomic bomb, which can

strengthen a nation. The speakers appealed to parents to equip their children with the adornment of education so they can become excellent teachers, officers, engineers, doctors, politicians, and scientists, thereby bringing honor to their country, community, and teachers. During the occasion, a debate competition was held among the students, with cash prizes and medals awarded to the winners. The event concluded with a prayer for blessings.

Shopkeeper found dead in Kadhan

By Khadim Shaikh

KADHAN: In the village of Misri Mallah, Ali Muhammad Mallah, who operated a grocery store

on the southern bank of Rai Wah, was found murdered late at night while sleeping in his shop. The police have taken his body into custody and

transferred it to the health center for autopsy. His young son, Ali Hassan Mallah, stated that their family has no personal enmities with anyone.

SOUTHERN PUNJAB

DC Muhammad Naem Sindhu Visits PHFMC District Office In Toba Tek Singh



By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naem Sindhu made a surprise visit to the District Office of the Punjab Health Facilities Management Company. During this visit, he inspected the stock and quality of medicines.

PHFMC officials briefed him on the current inventory. Deputy Commissioner Sindhu emphasized that the Government of Punjab is committed to providing free medicines to citizens and highlighted the importance of ensuring both the quality of the medicines and the appropriate storage conditions. He further stated that, following the directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, all hospitals in the district are under close observation to guarantee that citizens receive the best healthcare services. CEO Health Dr. Kashif Mahmood Kamboh was also present during the visit.

Case Filed Against Former SHO And Other Police Officers In Pasrur

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: In Pasrur, a case has been registered against former SHO Fahad Lala, current SHO Inspector Irfan Ashraf, and several police personnel, including Constables Arif and Arsalan, under Section 365 at the Pasrur City Police Station. Complainant Abdul Sattar alleged that police officers entered his home, violating its sanctity. He claims that Rana Muntaz, Babar Gujjar, Nadeem Cheema, and an unknown individual unlawfully took him to the City Police Station in Daska, where he



was held for four days. He also stated that he lost 40,000 rupees intended for his daughter's wedding and has urged the police to file a false FIR against him. Abdul Sattar has mentioned having video evidence of the incident and has sought police action.

Toba Tek Singh Celebrates World Teachers' Day



By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A ceremony was held at Government Girls High School No. 1 in Toba Tek Singh to honor teachers in connection with World Teachers' Day. The event was graced by special guests including Punjab Provincial Assembly member Amjad Ali Javed and Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naem Sindhu, alongside CEO Education Mian Tahir Mahmood and other local educators and media representatives.

During the ceremony, 76 exemplary teachers from Toba Tek Singh were awarded Hero Badges and certificates for their dedication. Students presented a tableau to pay tribute to their educators. Amjad Ali Javed emphasized that the day serves to acknowledge the vital role of teachers in society and to appreciate their contributions. He noted that the Punjab government is committed to ensuring teachers' rights and is focused on enhancing the quality of education, with significant budget increases for the education sector, even amidst resource constraints. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naem Sindhu remarked on the importance of the education sector for Pakistan's development, asserting that the nation's progress relies heavily on the efforts of teachers.

Farewell Ceremony Held for Senior Police Officer Azmat Ali

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: A dignified farewell ceremony was held at the Central Police Office for Azmat Ali, who completed 38 years of dedicated service in the Punjab Police. IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar was the chief guest, joined by senior officers, staff, and the retired officer's family. Dr. Usman praised Azmat Ali for his discipline and commitment, stating that serving the public is integral to policing. He highlighted the importance of retired officers in the police family. Azmat Ali expressed gratitude for the support from his colleagues throughout his career. The ceremony concluded with IGS Sultan Ahmad Chaudhry and Tariq Rustam Chohan, along with various DIGs.



CTD Punjab Detains 18 Terrorists Linked To Banned Organizations

LAHORE: The Punjab Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) on Saturday said that 18 terrorists were arrested during intelligence-based operations (IBO) across Punjab.

It added that the terrorists, who were being investigated, were identified as Faiz, Azim, Tariq, Asif, Irfan, Ehsan, Fateh, etc, who belonged to Fitna-al-Khawarij (Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan), Islamic State group (also known as Daish) and Al-Qaeda, the statement added.

In a statement issued today, the CTD said 134 IBOs were conducted against terrorism in different districts of the province, including Lahore, Khushab, Gujranwala, Pakpattan, Bahawalnagar, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Sheikhupura, Mandi Bahauddin and Mianwali.

The statement said that the CTD recovered 5429 grams of explosives, 18 detonators, a 53-foot safety fuse wire, one IED bomb, pistols with bullets, 48 pamphlets of banned organizations and efforts to put "terrorists and anti-state elements behind bars".—RT/Agency

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PTI Rally: Punjab Government Calls In Military For Lahore Security

LAHORE: The Punjab government has requested the deployment of the military in Lahore to secure sensitive buildings and key locations, including airports and other significant infrastructure, officials said.



The move follows a similar deployment of the armed forces in Islamabad, media reported.

According to documents released by the Punjab government, a formal request was sent to the federal government for military assistance in maintaining order across six districts of the province.

Security forces also closed off roads from Kasur, Thokar Niaz Baig, Kahna Nau, and Canal Road, further limiting access to the protest site. Lahore's residents, anticipating delays and disruptions, adjusted their daily activities as the situation unfolded. However, PTI has selected six alternative locations across the city for the demonstrations, including Data Darbar, Ravi Bridge, and the railway station, with three additional sites yet to be finalized.—RT/Agency

The decision to call in the army comes amid rising concerns over the security of critical buildings as the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) prepared for a protest at Lahore's iconic Minar-e-Pakistan.

The military personnel will take control of sensitive structures and airports, among other vital sites. Punjab's Home Department confirmed that a letter had been

sent to the federal government, asking for troops to be stationed across vulnerable areas. Earlier, authorities in Lahore sealed off all roads leading to Minar-e-Pakistan, placing containers at key access points, cutting off routes around the area.

Ex-DPO Among 10 Sialkot Police Officers Charged With Abducting Three Girls

NAROWAL: A first information report (FIR) has been registered against 10 police officers and employees, including the Sialkot former DPO, for abducting three girls.

At about 12am, Pasrur Saddar SHO Muhammad Fahad, Inspector Irfan Ashraf, Assistant Sub-Inspector Tanveer Ahmed, Constable Muhammad Arif, Arsalan and three unknown persons broke into her house. She said the policemen abused her daughters, Amina Liaquat and Ayesha Liaquat, and took them away along with their cousin. Police kept the girls in custody for 15 days on the pretext of various cases. She said her daughters were recovered on April 5 on the orders of the Lahore High Court (LHC). The complainant alleged that her daughters were abducted at the behest of former Sialkot District Police Officer Hasan Iqbal and Pasrur DSP Sarfaraz Ranjha. On the order of the court, Pasrur City police registered a case against former DPO Hasan Iqbal, DSP Sarfaraz Ranjha, Saddar SHO Muhammad Fahad, Inspector Irfan Ashraf, ASI Tanveer Ahmed Assistant Sub-Inspector and others.—RT/Agency

President Commends Security Forces For Successful Operation Against Khawarij Terrorists In North Waziristan



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday paid tributes to the security forces for a successful operation against terrorists in Spinwama area of North Waziristan resulting in killing of six Khawarij terrorists. In a statement issued by the President House, Asif Zardari lauded the brave soldiers of Pakistan Army who laid their lives during fight against the terrorists. He commended patriotic spirit of Lt Colonel Muhammad Ali Shaukati and other soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the defence of their homeland. The president expressed the commitment to continue operations against terrorists. He extended heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyred soldiers and prayed for the elevation of ranks of all martyrs in Jannah. He also prayed to Allah Almighty to grant patience to the bereaved families to bear the loss with equanimity.—RT/Agency

Ahsan Iqbal Recognizes Teachers' Vital Role In Shaping Nation's Future



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has praised the significant contributions by teachers in shaping the future of the nation, and equipping youth with education and valuable knowledge. Addressing a ceremony in Islamabad to mark World Teachers' Day on Saturday, he said teachers not only impart knowledge, but also provide essential guidance and wisdom, enabling students to progress in their lives. He said the government is actively focused on fostering progress and revitalising efforts for national development. The planning minister said the country is currently on a path of progress, with the stock market reaching an all-time high and inflation being brought under control. Ahsan Iqbal said the government is facilitating investors and providing a conducive environment for businesses to prosper, which is yielding positive results.—RT/Agency

Maryam Declares PTI A Terrorist Organization



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was a terrorist party as it attacks the country every time. Talking to the media, the Punjab Chief Minister said that PTI was never a political party.

CM Maryam Nawaz also labeled PTI as a "terrorist group." In a statement to the media, the CM declared that what she had long been warning about is now clear. The PTI has never been and can never be a political party, the CM stressed. Maryam urged the state to treat PTI the same way it deals with terrorists. She warned that any delay in doing so could have alarming results. "Their sole objective under the guise of a political party is to set the country on fire and so they do not deserve any leniency," she asserted. She also accused PTI of engaging militants trained on the front lines to attack both the police and state institutions. Referring to a recent incident in Lahore, the Punjab CM disclosed that a police constable named Bilal was seriously injured by stone pelting from PTI-affiliated lawyers. "Can any political party behave in this manner, she commented.—RT/Agency

Court Orders Private Educational Institutions To Provide Transportation Services

LAHORE: In a significant development, the Lahore High Court (LHC) has declared that private schools and colleges must take responsibility for providing pick and drop services to students in the province, media reported on Saturday. The court directed the private educational institutions in the province to provide pick and drop to the students. "Private educational institutions should also provide pick and drop facilities, action should be taken against institutions failing to adhere to this requirement," the court in its directive said.—RT/Agency

THE HEARTLAND

Govt Primary School Kumb celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: A splendid ceremony was held at the Government Primary School in Kumb to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW), attracting a large turnout of parents, local residents, and members of civil society. The vibrant event featured an array of activities designed to honor the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (SAWW).



Speakers at the event emphasized the significance of the Prophet's life, highlighting how his teachings continue to serve as a guiding light for people of all ages. They urged the students to embody the values of compassion, honesty, and integrity that the Prophet exemplified. As a token of appreciation, medals and awards were distributed to students who excelled in their recitations and performances, celebrating their efforts and encouraging their ongoing engagement with the teachings of Islam. Headmaster Inayat Ali Mallah expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all participants, parents, and attendees for their support and involvement, noting that such gatherings foster a sense of community and strengthen the bonds among students, educators, and families.

The event concluded on a joyous note, with attendees sharing sweets and engaging in discussions about the importance of following the Prophet's (SAWW) teachings in their daily lives, reinforcing the spirit of unity and devotion during this significant occasion.

Students showcased their talents by presenting insightful reflections on the life of the Prophet (SAWW), along with heartfelt recitations of Naats and prayers. Their performances were met with enthusiastic applause from the audience, creating a festive and reverent atmosphere. Notable attendees included Assistant District Education Officer Zahoor Ahmed Tamrani, PTI leader Abdul Jabbar Wassan, and Shahmeer Ali Chandio, Principal of Mehran Public School.

Kolhi community protests against attempted land grabbing

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: In a bold display of resistance, members of the Kolhi community staged a protest near the shrine of Nimano Shah in Umerkot against alleged attempts by influential individuals to illegally seize their land. The gathering, which included women and children, blocked the main road, drawing attention to their plight.

Community leaders are now calling for support from human rights organizations and political representatives to intervene and ensure that the Kolhi community's land rights are upheld. As the protest continues, the Kolhi community remains determined to fight against land grabbing and to seek legal recourse to safeguard their ancestral land. The demonstration has sparked conversations about land rights and the need for stronger protections for marginalized communities against powerful land grabbers.

The situation escalated when local police attempted to forcibly disperse the crowd and clear the road, asserting that blocking roads under the guise of protesting would not be tolerated. This aggressive stance from law enforcement further fueled tensions, as the protesters remained steadfast in their demands for justice and protection of their rights. Community leaders expressed their frustration with local authorities, stating they had grown weary of submitting requests and complaints, only to be met with indifference. "We have repeatedly brought our concerns to the authorities, but no one seems willing to listen or take action," lamented one protester.

During the protest, prominent community leaders such as Lalchand Kolhi, Juijho, and Prem voiced their demands for immediate action to halt the encroachment on their land. The demonstrators

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A Nation on the Brink: Restraint is Crucial

Pakistan's political situation is teetering dangerously close to a full-scale crisis. The escalating tensions between the government and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters threaten to push the country into a scenario where chaos could become uncontrollable. The arrests of PTI workers and the subsequent protests have only fanned the flames, with both sides digging in deeper, creating an atmosphere of volatility that cannot be sustained.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi's warning of extreme measures against PTI supporters if they "cross more lines" is a chilling signal of the violence that could ensue if the situa-

tion isn't de-escalated. Meanwhile, the PTI, led by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, seems unwilling to back

down from its protest against the federal government, raising fears of an all-out confrontation in the capital. Such standoffs only serve to further destabilize the country and undermine the democratic process.

Both the government and PTI must recognize the catastrophic consequences of their actions. The government's heavy-handed tac-

tics, such as besieging KP House and resorting to mass arrests, risk inflaming the situation further. Meanwhile, PTI's approach of escalating protests risks inciting violence among its supporters, pushing the country to the brink.

Pakistan cannot afford such upheaval at a time when the country's armed forces are already overstretched. A clash between the military and citizens would be disastrous. Both sides must step back and show restraint. Dialogue, not confrontation, is the only way forward. Let us not allow political rivalry to tear this nation apart. The cost would be far too great.

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SUC rallies against Israeli atrocities in Palestine and Lebanon

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A significant rally was organized by the Shia Ulema Council in response to the ongoing Israeli aggression against Palestine and Lebanon. This event took place to express solidarity with the Palestinian people and to voice condemnation of the violence they are experiencing.

The rally commenced from the central Imambarah Abu Talib (AS), where community leaders and religious scholars gathered to lead the procession. Maulana Irshad Irfani and Syed Abbas Ali Shah were at the forefront, guiding the participants as they marched through the streets, chanting slogans in support of Palestine. During the rally, several speakers took the stage to address the crowd. They condemned the massacre of innocent Palestinian civilians in the strongest terms, highlighting the severe humanitarian crisis faced by the people of Palestine due to ongoing conflicts. They pointed out the disproportionate use of force by Israeli authorities and



called for immediate international intervention to halt the violence. The speakers stressed that the entire Muslim Ummah stands united with the Muslims of Palestine, emphasizing that their struggles are a shared concern for all Muslims around the world. They lamented the silence of the international community regarding the ongoing atrocities, labeling it a shameful stance that allows such injustices to continue unchecked. One speaker remarked that it is essential for Muslim nations to raise their voices against Israel's aggression and oppression. We cannot remain silent while our brothers and sisters in Palestine suffer.

The rally concluded with a call for collective action among Muslim countries to support Palestine fully, urging them to not only condemn the violence but to also take concrete steps to assist those affected by the conflict. The participants left the event with a renewed commitment to advocate for the rights of the Palestinian people, hoping to draw attention to their plight on a global scale.

Larkana Police arrest 15 during ongoing operations



By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Larkana Police continued operations against criminals under SSP Mir Rohail Khan Khoso's orders. In a series of operations against criminals, the Larkana police, have apprehended 15 suspects from various areas. The arrested individuals are involved in serious

crimes, including murder, robbery, theft, drug trafficking, and possession of illegal weapons, as well as encounters with the police.

During the operations, the police seized weapons, narcotics, stolen motorcycles, and cash amounting to millions of rupees from the detained suspects.

GGHSS Luqman celebrates Teachers' Day

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: A simple yet dignified ceremony was held at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Luqman in celebration of Teacher's Day. Taluka Education Officer (Secondary) Mukhtiar Solangi served as the chief guest, alongside Taluka Education Officer (Female) Fahima Mangi, Headmaster Sikandar Azam Soomro, FA Ms. Bmt Jabeen, Senior Professor Kaleemullah Channa, Headmaster of High School Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) Palli Jan Muhammad Palli, and teacher Idrees Soomro.

During the event, Headmaster Sikandar Azam

Soomro delivered a welcome address and presented Ajrak, traditional Sindhi gifts, to all the guests. Students from various classes showcased their talents through tableaux and delivered speeches honoring the greatness of teachers.

In his speech, Mukhtiar Solangi emphasized the crucial role teachers play in guiding students towards success. Certificates were awarded to teachers who demonstrated outstanding performance. They underscored the importance of education and the essential role of teachers, stressing the need for widespread access to education.

noted that he was the first and greatest teacher in history. While parents nurture their children, teachers act as spiritual parents, guiding them from the ground to great heights, a role that cannot be overstated.

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Dawat-e-Islami holds a public gathering in Dadu



By Javed Laghari

DADU: A grand historical gathering was held by Dawat-e-Islami at the Irrigation Public Park in Dadu. Addressing the gathering, Maulana Haji Muhammad Shahid Attari, the overseer of Dawat-e-Islami in Pakistan, emphasized the importance of sincere repentance for improving one's afterlife, stating that such repentance is

accepted by God. In his address, he elaborated on the mission of Dawat-e-Islami, which aims to reform people worldwide through a religious and welfare movement.

He stressed that the solution to the world's problems lies in living according to the teachings of Allah and His Messenger. Maulana Attari highlighted that Dawat-e-Islami, due to its organization and discipline under the lead-

ership of Hazrat Allama Muhammad Ilyas Qadri, has successfully attracted millions of youth to its cause.

During the event, thousands attended, and Naat reciters performed in honor of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). The security for the event was tightly managed by SSP Dadu Captain (Retd) Ameer Saad Magsi.

World Teacher's Day celebrated in Mirpurkhas

By Younis Chaudhry

MIRPURKHAS: In Mirpurkhas, a significant event was held to commemorate World Teacher's Day, where over a hundred teachers were awarded and training was provided to a thousand educators. Organized by the All Private Schools Association, the ceremony aimed to enhance the skills of teachers in modern educational practices.

The event featured various performances by school children to pay tribute to their teachers. Regional President Faisal Khanzai empha-

sized that the event was intended to encourage teachers and boost their morale. He noted that training sessions were conducted by expert trainers, focusing on how to engage students effectively in the classroom.

During the ceremony, key speakers, including ASPMA Chairman Syed Tariq Shah, Examination Controller of the Mirpurkhas Education Board Engineer Anwar Aleem Khanzadi, and Director of Private Schools Professor Abdul Hadi Daudpota, highlighted the importance of such events in fostering a renewed enthusi-

asm among teachers. They stressed the need to appreciate and value educators for their contributions. At the conclusion of the event, awards were distributed to over a hundred teachers from various schools by Syed Tariq Shah, Professor Abdul Hadi Daudpota, Faisal Khanzai, and other officials. Government teachers received Lifetime Achievement Awards, and position-holder students were also recognized for their accomplishments. The ceremony witnessed a large turnout of both teachers and students, celebrating the vital role of educators in society.

Central Jamaat Ahle Sunnat, Anjuman Tulba Islam protest against deteriorating security situation in Shikarpur



By Adeel Alvi

SHIKARPUR: A protest was organized by the Central Jamaat Ahle Sunnat and Anjuman Tulba Islam at the Lakhidar Ghanta Ghar in Shikarpur, led by Hafiz Fazlullah Noorani. The gathering raised slogans demanding peace amidst rising crime, kidnappings, and thefts in the region, leaving residents feeling unsafe.

Speakers highlighted the alarming increase in criminal activities, including motorcycle thefts from teachers and kidnappings of children. General Secretary Abdul Wahab Kaghazi emphasized the lack of action

from the Sindh Human Rights Commission, led by Iqbal Detho, who has remained silent on Shikarpur's pressing issues since taking office. Protesters, including local leaders, expressed their concerns over the lawlessness prevailing in Shikarpur, demanding security for their children. They called for the removal of corrupt police elements and urged SSP Shahzeb Chachar to restore order.

The event featured various speakers, including religious leaders, who lamented the abduction of innocent children and stressed the need for immediate police action to recover them.

Gambat Police arrest three involved in theft case

By Hafeez Mallah

GAMBAT: In Gambat, police have arrested three suspects including Faiz Muhammad Lashari, Shahzeeb Chandio, and Mir Hasan Khoso linked to a robbery at the shop of trader Sarfraz Memon at Bhattai Chowk. The arrests followed a theft that occurred 40 days ago, where 382 mobile phones and cash worth 7.5 million PKR were stolen. During a press conference, DSP Malher Khan Pato and SHO Zulfiqar Chachar stated that significant evidence was recovered from the suspects, including weapons, a cutter for locks, 1.5 million PKR in cash, and four mobile phones. The suspects re-



vealed that some of the stolen cash and items were hidden in a graveyard near Pir Muhalla. Authorities are actively pursuing the arrest of additional suspects and the recovery of all stolen items. Sarfraz Memon recovered.

expressed dissatisfaction with the police's performance, stating that only a small fraction of the stolen goods has been returned. He announced plans to continue protests until all stolen items are recovered.

Man hangs himself along with his three children in Kunri

By MM Faisal

KUNRI: 4 dead bodies including 3 children were found hanging from a tree in a mango garden in the area of Bodar Farm police station.

According to the details, on the information of the villagers, Bodar Farm police reached the

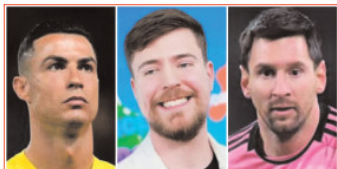
spot and took the dead bodies into their custody. Chaman son of Tamachi Kohli aged 32 years among the trapped bodies. Bhag Chand, Dhoro and Shaguna. Among the dead are two sons and a daughter, including the father. The police shifted the bodies to the hospital. Tamachi Kohli, son of Chaman, allegedly

hanged his three children from a tree and committed suicide by hanging them from a tree. The cause of the incident is being said to be a domestic dispute. We are investigating how such a big incident took place. After taking necessary steps from the hospital, the dead bodies were handed over to the heirs.

SPORTS



Mr Beast Poised to Team Up with Messi as Ronaldo Dominates YouTube Game



Cristiano Ronaldo's prowess on the field for years has been a concern and for other teams to due to the star player's sheer impact on the game.

However, it seems that the Ronaldo-effect is not limited to the football pitch as the owner of YouTube's most subscribed channel Jimmy Donaldson, popularly known as "MrBeast", is seemingly concerned by the Portuguese footballer's rise on the video-sharing platform.

Seemingly worried about losing his crown, MrBeast has said that he will not lose the number one spot without a fight while hinting at joining hands with Argentine footballer Lionel Messi - widely compared with Ronaldo as arguably the greatest player of all time (GOAT).

"I'm not going down without a fight. I mean Messi, let's go! If Messi's the only thing standing between Ronaldo passing me [...] I mean, if I got to do a Messi collaboration," said the Logan Paul's "IM-

PAULSIVE" podcast. "I broke the world record for most subs in a month, and two months later, Ronaldo comes on [...] If there were someone who would pass me, it would be Ronaldo," he remarked.

MrBeast's remarks come as the Al-Nassr striker launched his YouTube channel back in August and has since gained 63.9 million subscribers against MrBeast's 319 million.

The footballer has also expressed willingness to surpass the American YouTube star. "MrBeast on YouTube? In two years, let's try to beat him," Ronaldo said casually while speaking to reporters during a media talk ahead of Portugal's Nations League fixture against Croatia, "last month.

Its worth noting that the Portuguese footballer's YouTube channel "UR Cristiano" had garnered 1.69 million subscribers within hours and the 39-year-old soon received the gold Play Button only a day after launching the channel. —Agency

Saud Shakeel Confident of Pakistan's Powerhouse Performance Ahead of Test Showdown with England

MULTAN: Pakistan team's vice-captain Saud Shakeel put forth the strategy required in the forthcoming series against England on Saturday. Speaking at a press conference in Multan, Shakeel discussed England's aggressive style.

"If needed, we can play fast, but England's aggressive approach can result in errors," he stated.

Reflecting on their Test series against Bangladesh, the 29-year-old revealed that the Men in Green look ahead rather than regretting over the previous failures.

He said: "The Bangladesh series is behind us now, and we are focused on what lies ahead. In the previous series, we came close to winning, but now we must ensure a good finish to secure the series."

It is to be noted that the Shan Masood-led side was



depleted by 10 wickets in the first Test, that took place from August 21-25, while the second was also won by the Tigers by six wickets on August 30 till September 3.

Continuing with the conversation, the left-handed batter shed light over the consequences the team has to face due to the unfavourable pitch conditions.

"I'm not sure if there will be grass on the pitch, but in Multan we are expected to experience reverse swing,"

he added. As per sources, Shakeel remained tight-lipped while revealing their game plan for the series: "I can't reveal the plan yet, but the goal is to make them commit more mistakes and win the series."

During the conversation, the middle-order batter revealed the team's preparation for the most-awaited series.

He said: "We are not thinking about England, we need to stick to our own plans and play according to

the situation. The boys are putting a lot of efforts as this is a crucial opportunity for us to perform well in all departments."

While responding over the leadership pressure, he said that the captain has more responsibilities in comparison to the vice-captain.

Shakeel added a period to his conversation by saying that: "The team's morale is good, and our responsibility is to perform well. There is no grouping within the team and everyone is focused on giving their best."

England's Joe Root, on the contrary, sounded confident for the series and revealed his plans to break new records by giving extraordinary performance.

"I always look forward to put efforts for my team and playing good cricket," he said. —Agency

PAK vs IND: Fatima Sana Fired Up to Extend Fearless Attack Against India



SHARJAH: Pakistan are set to face arch-rivals India tomorrow in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at the Dubai International Stadium and skipper Fatima Sana could not be any more prepared for the highly anticipated encounter.

Both teams have faced each other in 15 Women's T20s with the Blue Shirts winning only three. Their latest encounter was in the Women's Asia Cup earlier this year and India came out victorious by seven wickets in the game.

Sana, talking to ICC, Sri Lanka in their first match on the opening day of the event and Sana walked in at No.7 against the Lankans. She went on to give Pakistan vital 20 runs off 30 balls to push the side for a commendable total. —Agency

tacking cricket," Sana said ahead of the big contest. The newly-appointed skipper reiterated that she wanted batters same as the other sides who could "punish bowlers from the first ball!"

"As a bowler, I used to feel that whoever used to bowl against us, used to hit us from the first ball. I wanted our team to have batters who can punish the bowler from the first ball. We have worked a lot on this and you will see the result soon hopefully," she added. Pakistan outclassed Sri Lanka in their first match on the opening day of the event and Sana walked in at No.7 against the Lankans. She went on to give Pakistan vital 20 runs off 30 balls to push the side for a commendable total. —Agency

PAK vs ENG: England Reveal Lineup as Ben Stokes Sidelined by Injury Blow

MULTAN: England captain Ben Stokes has been ruled out of the first Test match against Pakistan due to his ongoing hamstring injury as the team announced the names of the players for the series.

The all-rounder announced his unavailability for the forthcoming series after realising during the training session in Multan that he still needs more rest.

Earlier, Stokes had suffered a hamstring injury in the Hundred League and despite putting a lot of efforts to recover, he has been unable to recover.

In regard to this, Ollie Pope will be leading the team as a stand-in captain in the upcoming match.

Pope will take on the lead as England looks forward to kick off their tour of Pakistan on a strong note.

It is worth noting that the



first Test match is scheduled to take place on October 7 at the Multan Cricket Stadium.

Moreover, James Anderson, is not accompanying the team on their tour of Pakistan, as he is participating in the Scotland's Alfred

Dunhill Links Championship.

Despite his absence, the 42-year-old is sharing his invaluable experience with the team's bowlers via WhatsApp.

Considering the Playing XI, Durham seamer Brydon Carse will be making his Test debut.

Making a comeback, Jack Leach, the English spinner, will be playing Test for the first time since January.

In addition, Zak Crawley is set to return after recovering from his broken finger sustained during the summer. —Agency

Muhammad Waseem Destroys Jaba Memishishi in Explosive Bantamweight Knockout



MALTA: Pakistan's star boxer Muhammad Waseem Saturday knocked out Georgian boxer Jaba Memishishi in the World Boxing Federation (WBF) Bantamweight ranking bout to achieve another milestone in Malta.

The 34-year-old stunned his opponent in the third round of the competition.

This adds to Waseem's 13th professional victory, with nine of those coming by knockout.

In addition, his professional boxing record now stands at 13-2 from a total of 15 bouts.

Previously, the boxer faced a refusal for a visa from Denmark. In regard to this, the two-time WBC silver champion expressed his disappointment in an interview with a local news channel.

"I have been a world champion twice, and they rejected my visa, claiming I would disappear if I went there. I travel all over the world and was training with my coaches in London. I needed to arrive in Malta early to prepare for the upcoming world title fight," he said.

Earlier in August, the "falcon" was hopeful for success against his opponent Sabelo, and he proved that.

He stated: "I am hopeful for success against my opponent. The world title fight is very important to me, and I do not want to miss this opportunity," Waseem added, urging the Pakistani government, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and the army chief to intervene and help secure his visa. —Agency

Australia Crush Sri Lanka in Dominant Women's T20 World Cup Triumph

SHARJAH: Megan Schutt's 3/12, followed by Beth Mooney's unbeaten knock led defending champions Australia to a convincing six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the fifth match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 here at Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

Sri Lanka's captain Chamari Athapaththu's decision to bat first backfired as her side could only accumulate 93/7 in the allotted 20 overs.

The Asian champions had a disastrous start to their innings as they lost both their openers Vismithi Gunaratne and Athapaththu inside four overs with just six runs on the board.

Following the early debacle, Harshitha Samarawickrama offered some fight with



her cautious 23-run knock before falling victim to Sophie Molineux, leaving Sri Lanka in tatters at 56/4 in 13 overs.

Nilakshika Silva then took the reigns of Sri Lanka's batting expedition but remained devoid of any notable support from the other end.

She remained the top-scorer for Sri Lanka with a

40-ball 29.

Megan Schutt was the standout bowler for Australia, courtesy of her economical bowling figures of 3/12 in her four overs, followed by Molineux with two wickets, while Ashleigh Gardner and Georgia Wareham shared two wickets between them.

In response, Australia had an alike start as they lost

three wickets, including their captain Alyssa Healy (4) and experienced all-rounder Ellyse Perry (3), inside the batting powerplay with just 35 runs on the board.

But the defending champions recovered, courtesy of an anchoring partnership between Mooney and Gardner.

The duo added 43 runs for the fourth wicket until Gardner perished with Australia in touching distance to a triumphant start to their Women's T20 World Cup title defence.

Gardner made 17 off 15 balls with the help of three fours.

Mooney then joined forces with Phoebe Litchfield, nine off nine, to make sure there were no further breaches in the modest run chase. —Agency

FA Slaps Milutin Osmajic with Eight-Match Ban for Savage Biting Incident in Championship



Preston North End forward Milutin Osmajic has been suspended for eight matches and fined £15,000 (approximately \$19,752) for biting

Blackburn Rovers defender Owen Beck during a Championship match last month.

The Football Association (FA) announced the decision on Friday, marking a significant disciplinary action following the heated altercation during the match.

The incident occurred late in the game, around the 87th minute, during a goalless draw between the two teams.

Tensions flared when Blackburn's Owen Beck, who is on loan from Liverpool, was sent off for kicking out at Preston's Duane Holmes.

During the resulting confrontation, Osmajic was seen getting uncomfortably close to Beck's neck before biting him.

Despite receiving a yellow card during the match, the full scope of the incident came to light post-game.

Osmajic, a 25-year-old Montenegro international, admitted to the violent conduct, leading to the FA charging him with misconduct last month.

Following a hearing, an independent Regulatory Commission imposed the eight-match ban and fine.

The FA confirmed that detailed written reasons for the ruling would be published soon. —Agency

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Lady Gaga Falls Short of Outshining 'Gina Riley's Iconic Take' on 'The Joker'?



Lady Gaga just added her Harley Quinn touch to the opening theme of the iconic comedy series Kath & Kim.

This particular song, titled, The Joker, was written by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley for the 1964 stage musical The Roar of The Greasepaint - The Smell Of The Crowd and has now been performed by Gaga for her film Joker: Folie à Deux.

To most of the audience, the bold track sung by Gina Riley, who played the character Kimberly Diane "Kim" in the legendary comedy, is the most popular one.

After being immortalized by the grace of Riley's rendition, the song was then covered by the likes of Shirley Bassey in 1968 and

Sammy Davis Jr. in 1965. And now, the A Star Is Born actress released her version of the track, evidently different when compared to the brassy feel Kath & Kim version.

Peter Rowsthorn, who plays Kim's on-again-off-again husband on Kath & Kim spoke to Today Extra joking that the pop star "constantly" hounded him regarding the track.

"She's constantly calling me, so I know she's a big fan," he said, adding, "I said to Gaga, 'If you want to do it, it's up to you. I'm the fifth banana in this thing.'"

However, he did pick his favorite version of the song, declaring, "I believe the Gina Riley version, or the 'Kim' version, is the better version."

Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker Go to Extreme Lengths to Shield Baby Rocky



Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker are taking extra steps to ensure safety of their family.

The couple, who are raising their 10-month-old son, Rocky, have reportedly increased security measures at their \$10 million Los Angeles home.

This week Kourtney has requested more police patrols around their Calabasas mansion, according to a report by TMZ.

While there is no immediate threat, the couple has grown concerned due to previous incidents involving trespassers.

Previously, a woman reportedly managed to access their property four times and later claimed she had been invited by the Blink-182 drummer.

It is worth mentioning that Kourtney has voiced her concerns about baby Rocky's privacy previously.

Ahead of their trip to Australia to join Travis and Blink-182 on tour, Kourtney said to her sisters on the Kardashians.

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image, but in Australia, there are supposedly no paparazzi laws, so they can take a photo and sell their image."

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THE HEARTLAND



Growers and different parties' leaders protest against rice millers

By B. Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: In a show of solidarity, hundreds of growers and political activists from various parties took to the streets of Badin, rallying from DC Chowk to the Deputy Commissioner's office. The protest, which drew a large crowd, was organized in response to the drastic reduction in rice prices by local millers.

Key leaders, including Amir Azad Panhwar of Awami Tehreek, Jakhro Noohani of Sindh Taraqi Pasand Party (STP), Shah Nawaz Siyal Mirza of STP, Dilbar Sindh, Abdullah Chandio, convener of the

Urban Union, and Khalifa Tariq Aziz Memon, spoke at the rally, condemning the actions of what they termed the "rice millers' mafia."

The leaders alleged that the rice millers had, as part of a larger conspiracy, slashed prices from 3,500 rupees per maund to a shocking 2,500-2,600 rupees within just two days. This sudden price drop, they argued, severely undermines the livelihood of farmers who invest significant sums in cultivating their crops. "Farmers pour millions into their land, only to face such blatant exploitation," said one protester.

Adding to the frustration, the Deputy Commissioner of

Swimming competition held at Al-Qaim Model School Khairpur



By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: The vibrant atmosphere at Al-Qaim Model School Khairpur was palpable as the institution kicked off its sports activities with an exhilarating swimming competition. The event witnessed impressive performances, with top positions being secured by students Muhammad Kaif Siddiqui, Arshad Ali, Shan Haider, Momin Ali, Abuzar, Haseeb Ahmed, Muhammad Raza, Ghulam Nabi, and Ansar Ali, among others. During the ceremony, Principal Mehr-un-Nisa Abro, along with distinguished guests Syed Ahmed Abbas Jaffari and Zubair Abro, addressed the gathering.

They highlighted the importance of balancing academics with sports, emphasizing that while education is vital for societal progress, extracurricular activities like sports competitions play a crucial role in fostering the holistic development of students. "Engaging in sports not only promotes physical fitness but also helps keep students away from negative influences," Principal Abro remarked. The event culminated in a medal distribution ceremony, where Principal Mehr-un-Nisa Abro personally presented medals to the winning students, celebrating their hard work and dedication. The school's staff and fellow students cheered enthusiastically, fostering a sense of community and support among the participants.

The swimming competition at Al-Qaim Model School Khairpur not only showcased the students' talents but also reinforced the institution's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals. As the school continues to promote sports alongside academics, it aims to create a more dynamic and engaging environment for its students.

Survey begins for N-5 road project with Chinese collaboration



By Absar Alvi

SUKKUR: A comprehensive survey has commenced for the environmental, social protection, and resettlement aspects of the 67 km Rohri-Ranipur section of the National Highway (N-5), supported by China. This critical initiative is aimed at enhancing transportation infrastructure in the region. Led by Muhammad Sultan Abro, General Manager of the National Highway Authority (NHA) Sindh North, a dedicated team from NESPAK is conducting site visits and engaging with key stakeholders to ensure a thorough assessment.

Abro also underscored the NHA's commitment to improving highway networks to ensure safe and comfortable travel for the public. This initiative is expected to significantly boost connectivity and facilitate smoother transportation, which is crucial for economic development in the region. Additionally, NESPAK team members engaged with Sukkur Information Director Fida Hussain Baladi to discuss project details and further enhance communication regarding the survey's progress. The presence of NHA officials at the meeting reflects the collaborative spirit of this project, aimed at fostering transparency and community engagement.

As the survey progresses, stakeholders remain optimistic about the positive impact of the N-5 road project on regional infrastructure, economic growth, and overall community welfare. The collaboration with Chinese partners marks a significant step towards achieving these ambitious goals, paving the way for a modernized and efficient transportation network in Sindh.

Journalist Mumtaz Ali Shar's birthday celebrated at Thari Mirwah Press Club

By M. Iqbal Soomro

THARI MIRWAH: The Thari Mirwah Press Club was abuzz with joy as it hosted a celebration for the birthday of its esteemed President, Mumtaz Ali Shar. The event attracted a large gathering of citizens, social leaders, and senior journalists, all coming together to honor a figure well-respected in the community.

During the celebration, attendees took the opportunity to highlight Mumtaz Ali Shar's significant contributions to both the Press Club and the broader community. His dedication to journalism and tireless efforts in promoting social issues were commended, with many speakers sharing personal anecdotes that showcased his commitment to uplifting the region through responsible reporting. Guests expressed their ad-



miration for Shar's leadership at the Press Club, noting how he has fostered an environment of collaboration and support among journalists. The event not only celebrated his birthday but also served as a platform for reflecting on the important role of journalism in society. The festivities included speeches, cake-cutting, and a warm atmosphere filled with camaraderie. Participants shared well-wishes and hopes for Shar's continued success in his journalistic endeavors, affirming their belief in his vision for a more informed and engaged community. The event concluded with a sense of unity and appreciation for the vital work that Mumtaz Ali Shar continues to do in Thari Mirwah and beyond.

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World Teachers Day observed at GPS Muhammad Sharif Laghari

TALHAR: In celebration of World Teachers' Day, Sunil Kumar, a prominent leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party's Minority Wing in Talhar, visited Government Primary School Muhammad Sharif Laghari to honor the invaluable contributions of educators in the community. During his visit, he presented a beautifully crafted Sindh Ajrak as a token of appreciation to senior teacher Nadeem Ali Khawaja. In addition to this gesture, Kumar distributed cash among the students, aiming to inspire them and emphasize the value of education.

The event also saw the presence of SMC Chairman Shaukat Laghari, who joined in honoring Nadeem Ali Khawaja by gifting him an Ajrak, further recognizing his dedication to teaching and community development. Moreover, Sunil Kumar extended his appreciation to senior teacher Muhammad Ilyas Khattari from Primary School Karam Khan Dilwani, who also received an Ajrak for his commitment to education.



During the ceremony, Kumar emphasized the pivotal role teachers play as leaders in their communities, stating, "Teachers illuminate society with knowledge and deserve our utmost respect and recognition." His remarks highlighted the significance of educators not just in shaping individual lives but in fostering a well-informed and enlightened society. The celebration served not only as an occasion to honor teachers but also as a reminder of the critical role education plays in the development of the community. The event brought together teachers, students, and local leaders, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect that is essential for the progress of education in the region.—RT

Wife of PPP's Syed Muharam Ali Shah Lakiari passes away

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: The community of Hingorja mourned the passing of the wife of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) provincial leader Syed Muharam Ali Shah Lakiari, with funeral prayers held at Lakiari Ground. The heartfelt prayers were led by the prominent Shia scholar Syed Mohsin Naqvi, drawing a large crowd of mourners.

In attendance were numerous notable figures, including Senator Pir Syed Kazim Ali Shah Lakiari, the Pir of Hingorja; Pir Syed Afzal Ali Shah Jilani, the

dolences in Hingorja, with many expressing their sorrow and offering support during this difficult time. The loss has deeply affected the community, as the deceased was known not only as a devoted mother but also as a pillar of strength for her family. Local leaders and residents alike have shared fond memories, highlighting her contributions to the community and the love she spread among those around her. The PPP and its supporters stand united in their grief, honoring her legacy as a loving matriarch and a respected member of society.

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Haresh Kumar honored for his outstanding service by Pakistan Cotton Ginning Association



By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: In a momentous ceremony, Haresh Kumar, the esteemed owner of BK Food Industry Karachi and BK Rice Mill in Tando Muhammad Khan, was awarded a prestigious recognition award and shield by Waheed Irshad, Chairman of the Pakistan Cotton Ginning Association. This accolade celebrated Kumar's dedicated two years of service on the Executive Committee, where his contributions have significantly impacted the industry.

During the ceremony, which was attended by various dignitaries and members of the association, Haresh Kumar expressed heartfelt gratitude for the recognition. "I am truly honored to receive this award, and I want to extend my thanks to Chairman Waheed Irshad and the entire team of the Pakistan Cotton Ginning Association for their support and encouragement," he stated. Kumar highlighted the importance of collaboration within the industry and expressed his commitment to continue working towards its growth and development. "It is through our collective efforts that we can overcome challenges and enhance the cotton ginning sector in Pakistan," he emphasized. The event not only acknowledged Haresh Kumar's individual contributions but also served as a platform to reinforce the collaborative spirit among industry stakeholders.

The recognition underscores the vital role of dedicated professionals like Kumar in advancing the interests of the cotton ginning industry in Pakistan, which is crucial for the country's economy. The ceremony concluded with a reception, allowing attendees to celebrate Kumar's achievements and discuss future initiatives for the industry.

LUMHS VC Prof Dr Ikramuddin Ujjan reviews arrangements for Alumni Grand Gala



By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: A significant meeting of alumni members from Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) took place under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Professor Ikramuddin Ujjan at the Foreign Faculty in Jamshoro. The primary focus of the gathering was to finalize preparations for the highly anticipated Alumni Grand Gala, scheduled for January 11, 2025.

The meeting featured participation from Dr. Agha Taj Muhammad, along with numerous alumni from various current university officials and esteemed faculty members, including Professors Abdul Sattar Memon and Hanif Ghani. Their presence underscored the importance of fostering strong relationships between past and present members of the LUMHS community. To mark the occasion and show appreciation for the attendees' participation in the meeting, the gathering concluded with a splendid dinner hosted by the Vice Chancellor, allowing for further networking and camaraderie among alumni. The event promises to be a memorable reunion, encouraging all registered alumni, both within the country and abroad, to register for participation and celebrate their shared experiences at LUMHS.

Ujjan expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming event and assured attendees of the university's full support in making the alumni meet-up a historic occasion. "We are committed to ensuring that this gala serves as a meaningful opportunity for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, fellow classmates, and junior students," he stated. The gathering attracted alumni from across Sindh, as well as current university officials and esteemed faculty members, including Professors Abdul Sattar Memon and Hanif Ghani. Their presence underscored the importance of fostering strong relationships between past and present members of the LUMHS community.

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Tando Adam man protests for recovery of his missing son

By Shaikh Sindi

KOTRI: Abdul Khalid Chandio, a resident of Tando Adam, staged a heartfelt protest demonstration in Kotri, accompanied by his daughter, Hina Yousif, to seek the safe recovery of his missing son, Naveed. Naveed, who had been in a relationship with a girl named Ambrin for the past 14 years, suddenly disappeared under mysterious circumstances, prompting serious concerns for his safety. Chandio accused his son's associates, Kashif and Guddu, of being involved in his son's disappearance, expressing grave fears that Naveed may have come to harm. "These individuals have been a negative influence on my son, and I believe they are behind his sudden vanishing," he stated, visibly distressed.

Chandio called on the SSP Hyderabad, DIG Hyderabad, and other relevant authorities to take immediate and decisive action against his son's associates to ensure Naveed's safe return. "We need justice and answers about my son's whereabouts. If our demands are not addressed, we are prepared to escalate our protest to a sit-in outside the SSP's office," he warned. The protest highlights the growing concerns about safety and accountability within the community, as Chandio and his daughter seek the support of local authorities to resolve this distressing situation. The family relevant authorities to take immediate and decisive action against his son's associates to ensure Naveed's safe return. "We need justice and answers about my son's whereabouts. If our demands are not addressed, we are prepared to escalate our protest to a sit-in outside the SSP's office," he warned.

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METRO KARACHI



Murad Highlights Rs218 Billion Allocation For Karachi Development Amid Limited Resources

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, in a meeting with the National Press Club Islamabad, stated that while Karachi requires an estimated Rs1000 billion annually for development, the provincial government has allocated Rs218 billion for the city's infrastructure this year due to resource constraints.



The journalists, who had toured various districts including Thar, Sukkur, and Gambat, praised the Sindh government's development initiatives. Murad Shah further revealed that a World Bank study estimates \$3 billion is needed to make Karachi a livable city. Despite the challenges, the Sindh government is prioritizing major infrastructure projects, including road construction, cleaning of nullahs, and the expansion of the city's public

transport system with BRT projects and the People's Bus Service. Addressing issues of encroachment and illegal commercialization, Shah emphasized that his government has worked to improve the city's drainage system, rebuild major roads, and alleviate traffic congestion. He also highlighted the success of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Unit, which has ranked 6th in Asia, and ongoing projects such

Sharjeel Slams PTI For Promoting Political Instability Amid International Visits

KARACHI: In a recent press conference, Sindh Senior Minister for Information, Transport, Excise, and Narcotics Control, Sharjeel Inam Memon, expressed concern over the disruption caused by a political party's protests in Islamabad. He accused certain individuals of conspiring to undermine Pakistan's development and security, coinciding with the visit of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the Shanghai Cooperation Conference. Memon highlighted that the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had orchestrated an attack on the capital, using militants equipped with cranes and machinery, exploiting government resources for this effort.



He criticized the narrative of "No Pakistan without the captain," pointing to international connections, including Zach Goldsmith's controversial support for Israel, and alleged links to Imran Khan. Memon warned that foreign conspiracies are at play, aiming to destabilize Pakistan's institutions and defense, strengthened by leaders like Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto. Memon also touched on the New World Order narrative, citing figures like Dr. Israr Ahmed, and de-

nounced unconstitutional actions by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister. He reiterated the People's Party's opposition to Governor's rule but hinted at constitutional options if necessary. Addressing the Sindh government's initiatives, Memon affirmed their commitment to building 1 million houses for the homeless, with the province's economy showing steady improvement. He lauded Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's efforts to maintain judicial independence, ensuring that the mistakes of the past would not be repeated. He also condemned the privileges afforded to

Imran Khan during his imprisonment, contrasting them with the sacrifices of People's Party leaders, including the arrest of Ms. Fryal Talpur and the restrictions placed on Asifa Bhutto Zardari. Sharjeel Memon concluded by emphasizing the importance of protecting Pakistan, criticizing the on-going attacks on the federal government, and urging Imran Khan to lead with integrity by including his own family in the sacrifices he demands of the nation. He called for action against those aiding destabilizing forces, stressing that the government remains strong and capable of addressing any situation.—RT

Saeed Ghani: Teachers Are Essential To Shaping Future Generations

KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani emphasized the crucial role of teachers in shaping the future generations of society. Speaking as the chief guest at the Academia Choice Awards, organized by the All Sindh Private Schools and Colleges' Association in celebration of World Teachers' Day, Ghani highlighted that the teaching profession not only provides a means of livelihood but also requires educators to diligently fulfill their responsibilities.



He pointed out that a single teacher can influence the lives of thousands of students, instilling values that help them become responsible citizens. Ghani attributed his success to his parents, his political party, and the dedication of his teachers, noting that some educators leave a lasting impact on their students' lives. Recalling a personal story, Ghani shared an anecdote about his father stopping the car to greet a passerby—his former teacher—as a testament to the respect educators com-

mand. He also spoke about his academic success in Mathematics, crediting his stringent teacher, Siddiq, for his achievement of scoring 96 out of 100. Ghani expressed that meeting Siddiq brought him as much joy as meeting his parents. The Local Government Minister underscored that he led a disciplined life thanks to the guidance of his teachers and noted his visit to his alma mater to honor them after previously serving as Sindh Education Minister. He stressed that just as medical professionals cannot strike due to the nature of their work, teachers should also refrain from strikes to ensure that education remains uninterrupted, warning that prolonged strikes could hinder syllabus completion. Later, in discussions with the media, Ghani announced that the Sindh government had successfully recruited teachers for government schools based on merit. He recalled President Asif Ali Zardari's directive to prioritize merit in teacher recruitment during his previous tenure as Education Minister. The Sindh government has collaborated with IBA Sukkur to conduct a merit-based recruitment test for 60,000 teachers, asserting that the positive effects of this initiative will soon be evident in the education sector.—RT

Two Children Drown In Nullah Near Sohrab Goth, Community Criticizes Lack Of Safety Measures



KARACHI: In a heart-wrenching incident, two children tragically drowned in a nullah near Sohrab Goth on Friday night, as reported on Saturday. Rescue teams recovered the body of the second child, identified as 10-year-old Sulaiman, after an overnight search operation. The local community has expressed deep sorrow and anger, blaming the authorities for failing to implement safety measures near the hazardous sewerage line, leading to the tragic loss of two young lives.—RT/Agency

AC Dr Imran Nazir leads crackdown against illegal LPG gas shops



KARACHI: In Karachi, under the directives of Deputy Commissioner Malir Irfan Salam Mirwani, Assistant Commissioner Ibrahim Haideri, Dr. Imran Nazir Shaikh, along with police forces, conducted a crackdown on illegal LPG gas shops. Several shops were sealed during the operation. Dr. Imran Nazir stated that these LPG gas outlets were operating in residential areas, prompting their closure. He mentioned that the shop owners would be given a written notice and a few days' grace period to relocate to commercial areas.

FIA Arrests Two Passengers at Karachi Airport For Fraudulent Travel Documents



KARACHI: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Immigration unit arrested two passengers, including a woman, in separate operations at Karachi Airport, media reported on Saturday. In the first operation, a woman attempting to travel to Saudi Arabia for alleged begging activities was detained after failing to provide valid documents and hotel bookings. In the second operation, a man was arrested while trying to board a flight to Malawi, East Africa, using a fake South African visa attached to his passport. Both individuals have been taken into custody for further investigation.—RT/Agency

Four Drown at Manora Beach, Rescue Efforts Continue

KARACHI: In a tragic incident at Manora beach, four individuals, including two women, drowned, according to media reports on Saturday. A police spokesperson confirmed that the incident occurred near huts 65 and 67. Rescue teams have recovered the bodies of the two women, while the search is ongoing for the remaining two missing individuals.—RT/Agency

MPA Raja Razzaq Baloch visits HANDS Hospital



KARACHI: MPA Raja Razzaq Baloch and General Secretary Imdad Ali Jochio visited HANDS Hospital in Jam Kundas Goth, where they received a briefing from Khalil Wadhelo about the hospital's services. During the visit, they met nursing students in a midwifery course and distributed 16 solar systems to over 15 underprivileged families, as part of the Sindh government's initiative. Raja Razzaq emphasized the need for further

improvements in healthcare projects in Malir and encouraged students to complete their courses to serve disadvantaged women. He also highlighted the quality services at local hospitals and the government's commitment to enhancing healthcare in the region.

Saeed Ghani: PTI Continues To Demonstrate Anti-State Actions Through Its Decisions



KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani has asserted that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has consistently showcased its anti-state stance through its decisions. Ghani made these remarks on Saturday during a media briefing, where he emphasized that all political parties are entitled to conduct peaceful protests. He criticized the PTI for timing its latest agitation to coincide with the arrival of foreign dignitaries in Islamabad, recalling a previous instance when the Chinese President's visit was canceled due to PTI protests. In response to other inquiries, Ghani announced that efforts are underway to repair the road network in Karachi, which was damaged by recent monsoon rains. The Sindh government has allocated Rs 1.5 billion for these repairs, and further funding from the Chief Minister will be provided to restore the civic infrastructure across various areas of the city. He stated that the restoration work on the damaged roads is expected to be completed within two months. Ghani also noted that the political opponents of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) would persist in their criticism of the Sindh government, but he expressed no concerns regarding their remarks, affirming the government's commitment to restoring Karachi's infrastructure for the benefit of its residents.—RT

Karachi Welcomes RI President 2025-26 Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo



KARACHI: Rotary International, the world's largest humanitarian service organization, proudly welcomes RI President Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo during his visit to Karachi. The organization is dedicated to providing humanitarian services globally, promoting integrity, and fostering understanding, goodwill, and peace among business, professional, and community leaders. One of Rotary's hallmark initiatives is the eradication of polio, with the organization contributing a remarkable \$2.7 billion worldwide, including \$446 million specifically for the PolioPlus program in Pakistan. In addition to its commitment to polio eradication, Rotary International has expanded its focus areas to include peace and conflict prevention, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and environmental sustainability. Rotary has consistently responded to global disasters, notably during the 2022 floods in Pakistan. Alongside initial relief efforts, Rotary Pakistan has launched the Smart Villages Program, aimed at addressing climate change and achieving Net-Zero targets by developing sustainable, indigenous living solutions through innovation and technology. Over the past year, approximately \$1 million has been invested in 15 villages, with a goal to develop 25 villages by the end of this year and a total of 100 villages over the next two years. These initiatives focus on sustainable shelters made from local materials, water and sanitation, electricity, e-learning, telemedicine, reforestation, skill development, and economic growth. Rotary Pakistan has made significant contributions in various sectors, including Establishing over 400 schools and promoting reading habits by donating 800,000 books and supporting more than 2,500 libraries across Pakistan, with a total value of around \$10 million. Facilitating 4,500 congenital heart surgeries for underprivileged children, costing around \$10 million. Providing approximately 30,000 disaster Shelter Boxes during various emergencies in Pakistan, valued at \$30 million. Setting up over 100 water filtration and treatment plants in various communities. In a recent collaboration with Saylani International Welfare Organization, Rotary Pakistan has initiated the installation of 20 units that will provide 25 million glasses of clean water daily, valued at \$150,000. Additionally, Rotary Pakistan is committed to empowerment and youth development.—RT



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah met with the elected office-bearers of the National Press Club Islamabad, at the CM House.—RT

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—Nelson Mandela

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Attaullah Tarar: World Recognizes Pakistan's Effective Economic Policies

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has said that the world is acknowledging country's viable economic policies as Pakistan's economic indicators are moving in the right direction.

Addressing a press conference at PML-N Secretariat here on Saturday, he said that heads of different countries were coming to Pakistan and added that the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had raised Palestine and Kashmir issues in the United Nations General Assembly session very effectively.

He said when the late Iranian president Ibrahim Raisi had visited Pakistan, a novelty in diplomacy was witnessed. Attaullah Tarar said another delegation of Saudi Arabia was coming to Pakistan and cooperation was increasing. He said that Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim had left Pakistan after completing his visit, but unfortunately efforts were made to hold march towards D-Chowk



during the presence of Malaysian prime minister in the country.

He said that PM Shehbaz Sharif's speech in United Nations General Assembly session was widely hailed by all segments of society. He said, "Foreign guest always come to Pakistan to strengthen ties." It was agreed that Pakistan would export heat meat worth \$200 million and 100,000 tonnes of rice to Malaysia and hindrances in this regard would be removed, he said and added that different countries were interested for doing trade besides making an investment in Pakistan. Attaullah Tarar said that

single penny, adding that privatisation matters of Pakistan International Airlines and other state owned enterprises were underway. He said that the number of FBR filers had doubled, adding that this would definitely yield positive results for the country.

Attaullah Tarar said that economic vision of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was being implemented and now the world was terming Pakistan's economy as emerging economy. He said that credit goes to PML-N that it saved the country from default. He said that World Bank President Ajay Banga was also terming Pakistan's economy policy as good policy. The minister said that subsidy had been provided on electricity while prices of essential items were reducing. Price of petrol had been reduced for five times, he said and added with the grace of Allah Almighty Pakistan would become prosperous. He said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was again using tactics of holding pub-

11 KP Police Officers And Afghan Nationals Arrested Among PTI Protesters

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi claimed that a total of 11 officers from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) police and 120 Afghan nationals were arrested among Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protesters in Islamabad, media reported on Saturday.

Speaking alongside IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar, Naqvi described how the protest, led by KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, escalated into violence, including firing at police resulting in injuring several policemen.

According to Naqvi, a total of 564 individuals were arrested during the crackdown, including 11 KP police officers who were reportedly involved in the protest.



The minister stressed that while there were wishes from some quarters for casualties, but no lives were lost. However, due to the firing of 75 Punjab police officers and 31 Islamabad officers were injured, with one in serious condition.

Naqvi claimed that the protesters' goal was to stay until October 17 and disrupt the peace of Islamabad, while he commended the police for maintaining restraint which turned into violence.

He further noted that legal action would be taken against those responsible for calling the protest — including the armed protesters — which turned into violence. —RT/Agency

Ji Emir Urges Chief Minister Gandapur To Prioritize Governance Over Protests

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Hafiz Naeem Rehman has advised the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur to focus on governance in his province rather than leading the protest.

He was addressing a press conference in Mansoorah on Saturday.

The Ji Emir also urged the government to give the right to protest to political parties in order to diffuse the political instability. He criticised the deployment of army in the federal capital under the pretext of providing security for the upcoming SCO conference, days before the event. "The government must refrain from pitting the army against its own people," he said, adding that any



military deployment should be reserved for the duration of the conference itself. At a time when Gaza is under siege and Israeli atrocities have reached alarming levels, Rehman said, Islamabad should be leading efforts to convene a summit of Muslim nations to deliver a clear message to Israel to immediately halt its aggression against Palestinians. The Ji Emir noted, has made efforts to forge a united stance between the government and opposition parties to mark October 7 as Palestine Solidarity Day, commemorating one year of Israeli aggression. The Ji Emir also urged the citizens to come on the roads on Oct 7 to show solidarity with the people of Palestine. —RT/Agency

Dar Condemns PTI Protest, Calls It Harmful to Country's Diplomatic Prestige



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Saturday criticized Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's protest timing, terming it an attempt to harm country's prestige at the global level.

In a press statement, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister said that the protest was launched at a time when Pakistan was going to host Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Islamabad.

The objective of the protest was to create chaos in the country and sabotage Pakistan's diplomatic efforts at the SCO's summit, he added. DPM Dar also viewed PTI's invitation to a foreign minister of a participating country to participate in its protest as a political gimmick by its leadership inflicting damage to the national stature.

He stressed that the time was ripe for making a resolve to country's stability and leading it to its real destination. The deputy PM and foreign minister also called for shunning of petty political interests for the sake of larger national interests. —RT/Agency

ISPR: Terrorist Linked To Attack On Convoy Of Foreign Dignitaries Neutralized

RAWALPINDI: Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) have gunned down a terrorist involved in a recent attack on a convoy escorting foreign dignitaries in Swat, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Saturday.

A statement released by the ISPR said that the terrorist was killed during a joint intelligence-based operation (IBO) in the Chahragh area of District Swat on the night between October 4-5.

The attack on a convoy of foreign diplomats took place on September 22. Terrorists had used a roadside bomb, which resulted in the martyrdom of a police officer, who was part of the security detail, while four others suffered injuries.

The diplomats, who remained safe, were visiting the Swat Valley area at the invitation of the local cham-



ber of commerce to showcase it as a potential tourist destination.

The bomb had exploded as the convoy was en route to the Malam Jabba hill station.

In its statement today, the military's media wing said that two terrorists — including "Kharij ring leader Atta Ullah [aka] Mehran — were killed after an intense exchange of fire, while another terrorist was apprehended. Atta Ullah, the ISPR revealed, remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities in the area, including the attack on the convoy of foreign dignitaries. The military's media wing said that sanitisation of the area is being carried out to eliminate any other "Kharij" found in the area. "[...] security forces in coordination with law enforcement agencies are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country," the statement added. —RT/Agency

Khawaja Asif: PTI Determined To Incite Chaos In Capital With Support From Armed Groups

SIALKOT: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz senior leader and Defence Minister Khawaja Asif labelled the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf as an 'armed group' who is hell-bent on creating chaos in the capital just ahead of SCO summit.

Addressing the media in Sialkot, the minister said it was for this reason the government could not hold dialogue with the PTI.

He said the PTI under the leadership of Imran Khan was repeated the same old script of 2014 when it organized sit-in on the arrival of the Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Now, it was making efforts to stall the arrangements of the upcoming session of SCO. He alleged the armed groups of Fina al Khawarij was also coming with the



PTI and for this very purpose, Afghanistan's help had also been sought as there were many Afghans in the party's protests.

He said the government even asked the PTI to hold its protest after the SCO session but the party's purpose was to create hurdle in SCO meeting.

Asif said the people have seen the real face of PTI founder Imran Khan while adding the Indian for-

French President Urges Halt To Weapon Deliveries To Israel for Gaza Operations



PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday urged a halt to arms deliveries to Israel, which has been criticized over the conduct of its retaliatory operation in Gaza.

"I think that today, the priority is that we return to a political solution, that the conflict was leading to 'hated' Macron weapons to fight in Gaza," Macron told broadcaster France Inter, not become a new Gaza," he added. —RT/Agency

Gohar Defends Barrister Saif Over Controversial Comments Regarding Jaishankar

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar said that the statement of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Advisor Barrister Saif related to Indian Foreign Minister Jaishankar was reported out of context.

"We'll not invite Indian foreign minister in any protest or party meeting," PTI chairman said.

He added that PTI always followed the Pakistan's stance and policy related to India.

According to Barrister Gohar, D-Chowk isn't a sacred place where no one can stage a protest.

"The police fired tear gas on our workers contrary to the democratic values," he said.

The PTI chairman said that he didn't join the protest at D-Chowk as it was the party policy that MNAs would not join the protesters in the wake of



parliament's upcoming session to avoid the arrests.

Earlier, it was reported that Barrister Saif had extended an invitation to Jaishankar to join their protests.

He expressed a desire for the Indian minister to participate in PTI's protests, suggesting that he attends their protest aiming to restore democracy and constitutional order in Pakistan.

He argued that Jaishankar's participation in protests exposed PTI's ulterior motives. —RT/Agency

Gilani Condoles Martyrdom Of Soldiers In North Waziristan Operation

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, on Saturday, expressed profound sorrow over the martyrdom of Pakistan Army personnel, including a Lieutenant Colonel, during an operation in North Waziristan.

In a statement, the Chairman said the nation is immensely proud of the brave soldiers of the Pakistan Army who are sacrificing their lives in the service of the country.

He acknowledged their pivotal role in making the country's defense invulnerable.

"Our Army and the nation united in the fight against terrorism. The Pakistan Army is conducting operations with a well-



structured strategy to eliminate this menace," he remarked.

He further highlighted the Army's unparalleled sacrifices in the war against terrorism, emphasizing that the entire nation is standing

shoulder-to-shoulder with its armed forces in this ongoing battle. He praised the dedication and valour of the soldiers, stating that their sacrifices ensure the safety and security of Pakistan. —RT/Agency

PM Honors Security Forces For Eliminating Six Khawarij Terrorists In North Waziristan

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday commended the security forces for killing six Khawarij terrorists in a successful operation against the terrorists in the Spinwam area of North Waziristan.

The prime minister paid tribute to Lt Colonel Muhammad Shaukat, Lance Naik Muhammad Ullah, Lance Naik Akhtar Zaman, Lance Naik Shahid Ullah, Lance Naik Yousaf, and Sepoy Jameel Ahmed, who em-



braced martyrdom while elevation of the martyrs' bravery confronting the terrorists in Jannah and ex-pressed condolences to the families. —RT/Agency