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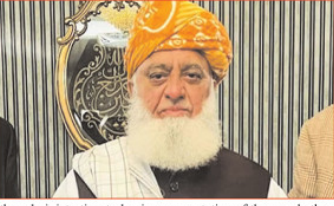
Full Court Reference for Outgoing CJP Isa Set To Be A Historic Event On October 25

ISLAMABAD: A full court reference for outgoing Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Fazl Isa has been scheduled for October 25, according to an official letter written by top court's registrar Jazeela Aslam to Supreme Court Bar Association President Shahzad Shaukat. Senior Puisne judge Justice Mansoor Ali Shah is set to replace CJP Isa as the country's top judge. The full court reference is a customary practice to bid farewell to the outgoing chief justice. The confirmation follows weeks of political uncertainty, with rumours suggesting that the ruling coalition was planning to extend the chief justice's tenure through a "closely-guarded" judiciary-centric legislation. However, the government failed to even table the amendments in parliament after JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman refused to support the government's judicial package, leaving the contentious amendments hanging in the balance. Ostinately, the government was short of 13 votes in the National Assembly and nine in the Senate as the legislation requires a two-thirds majority in both houses. Amid speculations, CJP Isa clarified that he would not accept any "individual specific" proposal on fixing the tenure of the country's top judge. Reacting to the CJP's statement "misreported" in the media, CJP's Secretary Muhammad Qushtaq Ahmad had clarified last month that the top judge was surrounded by journalists who spoke to him and asked him questions following the commencement of the proceedings of the event to mark judicial year. "The Chief Justice made it clear that he was talking to them off the record, but since the conversation has been misinterpreted and widely disseminated it is necessary to accurately reproduce what transpired," the statement added. The chief justice informed the journalists that he told the law minister, "if the proposal was individual specific, and if enacted, it would not be something he would accept."—RT/Agency



Fazl Backs Constitutional Package, But With Explosive Conditions

ISLAMABAD: Stressing the need for building consensus among all political forces, seasoned politician Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday showed a willingness to support the government's "constitutional package" with "ifs and buts". While interacting with journalists in Islamabad, the JUI-F chief said: "We can agree on a very suitable draft if our proposals are accepted [by the government]". The constitutional package, among other things, aims to set up a federal constitutional court and fix the tenure of the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) for three years. The government had attempted to present the bill to amend the Constitution last month, but its allies as well as members from the opposition benches vehemently opposed the proposal, forcing the administration to begin a consultation process. Following a meeting of the Special Committee of Parliament today, Fazl said: "We are trying to remove the 'controversial contents' from the draft." He said that people have rejected the concept of the government's draft of the constitutional amendments. People are hailing the JUI-F's stance over the contentious constitutional amendments, Fazl stated, adding: "If parliament is rep-



representative of the people then it should not ignore their wishes." Responding to a question, Fazl said that JUI-F and PPP would move forward towards a consensus draft, adding that the government should also take other allies into confidence over the matter. "Terminating the government's amendments to the Constitution 'unacceptable', Fazl said his party would be in a position to vote in favour of the constitutional package if the government accepted the party's suggestions regarding the contentious legislation. After reaching a consensus with the PPP, the JUI-F would share the draft with PTI and the Bilawal-led party would share it with the government, he added. To another question, the JUI-F chief also opposed politicising the superior court judges for vested interests. When asked if he is in favour of establishing separate court for hearing constitutional matters, Fazl said a constitutional court and bench could be substitute for each other. Talking about the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting — scheduled for October 15-16 — the JUI-F leader said that they would warmly welcome all the participants of the meeting. "We are making efforts that the moot should be held in a peaceful environment," he said that staging protests on the eve would be "inappropriate".—RT/Agency

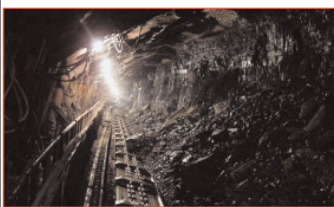
Zardari And Putin Join Forces, Vow To Strengthen Ties

ASHGABAT: President Asif Ali Zardari and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Friday emphasised further strengthening of bilateral relationship between the two countries. The development came during an informal meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of two-day international forum on "Interaction of Times and Civilisations- Basis for Peace and Development" here in the Turkmen capital. The moot was held to commemorate the 300th birth anniversary of Magtymguly Faragi, a great Turkmen thinker, poet and philosopher. Both leaders expressed good wishes for each other, according to a statement issued by the President House. Earlier, the President, who arrived here on Thursday for a two-day visit, also addressed the forum which was also attended by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajik President Emomali Rahmon, Kyrgyz President Sadyr



Japarov and others. In his address, the president stressed need to focus on promoting connectivity among regional countries and help strengthen cultures and economic cooperation. He said Pakistan and Turkmenistan share a deep rooted bond of brotherhood which is built on a mutual respect, commonality of faith and a shared vision of a better peaceful future. The president extended his heartfelt appreciation to the government and brotherly people of Turkmenistan for organising prestigious event aimed at promoting understanding, peace and dialogue among cultures. President Zardari expressed his delight to share that our national poet, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and towering figure of Turkmen literature, Makhdum Gulli Fraghi share several commonalities in their poetry and thoughts on Sufism and nationalism. He commended the president of Turkmenistan, Sardar Berdi Muhammedov, for organising this event to promote the works of Makhdum Gulli Fraghi as well as providing an opportunity to interact with the leadership of regional countries that would help strengthen our bonds of friendship. The president also congratulated the Turkmen nation on the announcement of 2024 as the "Year of the great poet and thinker of the Turkic world- Makhdum Gulli".—RT/Agency

Death Toll Skyrockets To 20 In Devastating Duki Coal Mines Rocket Attack



QUETTA: Unidentified armed assailants launched a deadly attack with rockets on the local coal mines in the Duki district of Balochistan in the wee hours of Friday, resulting in the death of 20 miners. The bodies and the injured miners were rushed to nearby Teaching Hospital Loralai for medical care. Teams of police and FC personnel have cordoned off the area and launched a search operation. Police earlier said that two labourers were killed in the attack. However, Medical Officer Dr Johar Sadozai confirmed that the death toll from the attack had risen to 20, with seven miners injured. The outlaws gathered the miners at one place and opened fire at them. Police said the assailants used hand grenades and rockets in the attack. The owner of the coal mines, District Chairman Haji Khairullah Nasir, said that there are ten coal mines located in the area where the local attacks not only carried out an assault but also set the mining machinery on fire. Two of the deceased belonged to Pishin and two others were residents of Qila Saifullah while one of them was from Kuchlak and three others came for work from Afghanistan, according to the medical officer. Reuters added: "A group of armed men attacked the Junaid Coal company mines in the Duki area in the wee hours using heavy weapons," said Humayun Khan, the police station house officer for the town, located east of the city of Quetta. They fired rockets and grenades at the mines as well, he added. "We have received 20 bodies and six injured so far at district hospital Duki," said Johar Khan Shadzai, a doctor in Duki.—RT/Agency

Bilawal Reveals PPP's Bold Proposal For A New Constitutional Court

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, on Friday said that the proposed draft of constitutional amendments presented by his party included the establishment of a Constitutional Court and amendments to Articles 175 A, B, D, E, and F. Speaking to the media in his chamber at Parliament House, he said that the government has given time to reach a consensus on constitutional amendments related to judicial reforms. Bilawal said that while the PPP's final document has been released, the draft from Maulana Fazlur Rahman has not yet been formally received. He also mentioned that the PPP's draft has been with Kamran Murtaza for over a week. "If the government has a two-thirds of majority and still seeks consensus, it is commendable," he said. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari stressed that the government intends to work within the framework of the constitution and the law, noting that the PPP has always pursued constitutional amendments through consensus. "The PML-N has the right to amend the constitution in line with the Charter of Democracy," he said. Expressing gratitude to the government, Bilawal said, "I appreciate their will-



ingness to insist on consensus among all political parties. However, if consensus cannot be reached, how long will the government wait?" He reiterated that only the PPP's full draft has been released, and the JUI's draft is still pending. He shared that a detailed meeting of the Parliamentary Committee took place on Friday, where all parties presented their views. The PPP presented its original draft proposals, which focused on issues related to the Constitutional Court. Bilawal also mentioned that the Law Minister conducted thorough consultations with lawyers, whose suggestions were considered during the meeting. Opposition parties also shared their feedback on the proposals. He said that Maulana Fazlur Rahman reaffirmed his position of wanting to develop a consensus-based draft with the PPP. "We also reiterated that any constitutional amendment should be carried out through consensus among political parties. Our efforts are focused on producing a consensus draft, and we are not opposing suggestions without reason," he said. Bilawal further highlighted that the federal government is confident in its majority. "The Law Minister indicated they have a two-thirds majority, but they are still willing to engage all political parties to build consensus on this issue," he said. "I appreciate their approach, but since last month, we've been working towards a consensus. The question now is, how long will the government provide us with space and time to reach one?" he added. Bilawal said, "I am doing my best to foster a consensus. If this process takes longer than expected, the government may choose to exercise its constitutional right and proceed with the amendments."—RT/Agency

No Chaos Will Be Tolerated At SCO Conference In Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Taran on Friday said Islamabad has been made fully safe and secure to welcome foreign delegations including 12 heads of the governments for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Conference, scheduled for October 15-16. "Those who have a mindset to conspire against the country should better stay at home as no miscreant will be allowed to disrupt the SCO Conference in Islamabad," the minister said while talking to the media. "The announcements do not make any difference as Islamabad has been made fully safe and secure," he said while referring to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) which had announced to hold protest in coming days. "It (SCO Conference) will go as planned and will



Pakistan which will be instrumental to boost the economic growth in the country," he added. The minister said all the security arrangements have been finalized in Islamabad with the deployment of all the law enforcement agencies including Pakistan Army and Rangers. He said all the heads of governments participating in the SCO would be accorded a warm welcome in Islamabad as the whole nation is ready to celebrate the event with national pride. The whole Islamabad has been decorated which would eventually leave a positive impression of Pakistan in minds of the visiting delegations, he noted. He believed that the SCO would be a great success for Pakistan and would help enhance regional cooperation with a discussion on many important topics.—RT/Agency

PTI Plans Explosive Rally At D-Chowk, Aiming To Disrupt SCO Summit



ISLAMABAD: As the foreign dignitaries all set to arrive in Islamabad for the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has announced holding another protest at the federal capital's D-Chowk on October 15 — the same day crucial regional moot scheduled to begin. The announcement came only a week after the embattled opposition party clashed with law enforcers in a bid to stage anti-government protest at D-Chowk, turning the entire federal capital into a curfew zone for two days. In a statement, the Imran Khan-founded party's political committee announced organising a demonstration on October 15 at D-Chowk.—RT/Agency

Shehbaz Vows To Wipe Out Terrorism In All Its Forms-No Exceptions

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif on Friday condemned the terrorist attack in Duki, Balochistan, and vowed to uproot terrorism in all its forms. In his telephonic conversations with Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, the prime minister expressed deep grief over the loss of lives and conveyed his sympathies to the families of the slain miners. PM Shehbaz prayed Allah Almighty to grant the fallen souls rest and the injured people quick healing. He instructed the relevant authorities to ensure their best medical treatment for the injured persons. PM Shehbaz also sought a report from the authorities concerned on the incident and reiterated his government's resolve to purge the



country of terrorism. He also assured to provide all possible support to the families of the slain miners. The death toll in Duki coal mines attack reached 20 as the armed men with rockets and hand grenades attacked coal mines in the district of Balochistan, leaving at least 20 miners dead and several injured. The deceased and injured were transported to local hospitals. The police confirmed that the victims hailed from various regions, including Pishin, Qilla Saifullah, Zhob, Muslim Bagh, Musa Khel, Quetta, and Afghanistan. According to police, the attackers gathered the miners into groups before opening fire. SHO Humayun Khan stated that all of the deceased and injured were Pashuns. Balochistan witnessed several terrorist attacks against ordinary labourer or wage earners in recent months but those primarily targeted people from the Punjab province.—RT/Agency

THE HEARTLAND



DC Badin Yasir Bhatti reviews arrangements for anti-polio campaign

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: In a crucial effort to combat polio and protect the health of future generations, a comprehensive meeting of the District Polio Eradication Committee convened at the Darbar Hall, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Yasir Bhatti. This gathering focused on evaluating the outcomes of the previous anti-polio campaign and meticulously planning for the next round of vaccinations, which is set to commence on October 28. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Bhatti underscored the vital role of community engagement in the fight against polio. He urged parents, media representatives, civil society members, and citizens at large to actively promote and participate in vaccination efforts. "Our children are our future, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure their protection against this debilitating disease," Bhatti stated. He highlighted the significance of widespread vaccination, emphasizing that community participation is essential in preventing chronic disability caused by polio. The meeting also addressed security



concerns surrounding the vaccination campaign. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Sheeraz Nazir assured attendees that the safety of polio workers is a top priority. He announced that police personnel would be deployed at each vaccination point to ensure a secure environment for both health workers and the families they serve. Dr. Manzoor Memon, the N-Stop Officer, provided an overview of the logistical aspects of the upcoming campaign. He detailed that a staggering 425,824 children aged 0 to 5 years are expected to receive the polio vaccine during this campaign. To facilitate this extensive effort, the district will be mobilizing 1,259 mobile vaccination teams, 104 fixed vaccination sites, 73 teams at transit points, and 80 Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) centers. The meeting saw participation

Advocate Zain-ul-Abdin Sehto raises his voice for addressing public issues in Jamshoro

By Munwar Chaudhri

JAMSHORO: Renowned Senior Advocate Zain-ul-Abdin Sehto has taken a significant step towards enhancing public safety and access to essential infrastructure by filing a public interest litigation in the Sindh High Court's circuit court at Hyderabad. His legal action demands immediate attention to the long-overdue construction of the NHA 5 double road, which connects Kotri to Thatta.



This critical infrastructure project has faced prolonged delays, resulting in a rise in accidents and limiting access to important historical sites, including Kenjarh Lake, Makli Necropolis, and the Badshahi Mosque. Additionally, the slow progress of this road has hindered connectivity to the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone, which is vital for economic development in the region. In a compelling presentation of arguments, Advocate Sehto highlighted the urgent need for the road's construction, emphasizing the safety concerns and economic implications associated with the delays. His advocacy underscores the broader impact of infrastructure development on the community's quality of life and economic prospects.

Following the hearing, the division bench issued notices to several key officials, including the Chairman of the National Highway Authority, the Federal Secretary for Communication, the Secretary for Planning and Development in

Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi included in list of world's 500 most influential Muslims

By Dildar Ali Samo

TANDO ADAM: In a significant recognition of his impact and leadership, Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi, the esteemed leader of the Jaffiana community in Pakistan, has been named among the 500 most influential Muslim figures in the world for 2025. This announcement was made by Dr. Abid Rasool Hashmi, Vice President of the Shia Ulama Council in Sanghar district, during a recent media interaction. The acknowledgment comes from the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Jordan, a prestigious organization known for its annual compilation of influential Muslim personalities. Dr. Hashmi highlighted that Allama Naqvi's inclusion in this list reflects not only his longstanding commitment to his community but also his broader influence on the global Muslim landscape. "For over a decade, Allama Naqvi has consistently been nominated, which speaks volumes about his contributions and the respect he commands both nationally and



internationally," Dr. Hashmi stated. Expressing his joy over this recognition, Dr. Hashmi emphasized that it is a proud moment for the Shia community and for all those who look up to Allama Naqvi as a guiding figure. "It is a source of great pride for us that our leader is acknowledged on a global scale. His efforts in promoting peace, education, and interfaith dialogue have made a significant impact," he added. Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi has been a prominent voice in advocating for the rights of the Shia community and promoting unity among different sects within Islam. His work has not only focused on religious teachings but also on social justice, education, and community de-

DC Naveed Rehman Larik reviews EPI Program in Umerkot

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: In a pivotal monthly meeting regarding the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), Deputy Commissioner Naveed Rehman Larik convened at his office to assess the program's progress and outline strategies for improvement. The meeting highlighted the importance of a well-structured approach to upcoming vaccination campaigns, reflecting the administration's commitment to public health. Deputy Commissioner Larik expressed satisfaction with the efforts of the EPI staff but emphasized the urgent need to enhance the program's effectiveness. He pointed out that a strong focus on the micro plan is essential to ensure the success of future vaccination initiatives. "A detailed and precise micro plan will guide our efforts, allowing us to identify specific needs and address challenges effectively," he remarked. During the discussions, the Deputy Commissioner called for the immediate resolution of any issues affecting the ongoing EPI program in the district. He underscored the importance of accountability within the workforce, stating that strict action would be taken against employees who had previously fulfilled their duties during



the COVID pandemic but are now neglecting their responsibilities. "We need to ensure that every individual involved in the vaccination process is committed to their role. Complete reports must be provided where vaccinators are needed," he added, stressing the need for transparency and responsibility. Dr. Imran, the EPI focal person, provided a comprehensive briefing on the current vaccination efforts across the district. He reported that ongoing immunization activities are being conducted in all 27 union councils across the four tehsils of Umerkot district. Dr. Imran highlighted the progress made so far while also identifying areas that require additional attention and resources. The meeting was attended by key officials, including Additional Deputy Commissioner I Javed Ahmed Dahri, Assistant Commissioner Umerkot

Awami Ittehad demands basic facilities for people of Naro

By Gada Hussain Bhanbho

NARO: In a powerful demonstration of community solidarity, leaders of the Awami Ittehad, alongside concerned citizens and members of the Nara Bar Council, organized a significant protest rally in Naro. The rally commenced at Zero Point and made its way to the Ideal Bus Stop, drawing attention to the pressing needs of the local population. Prominent figures in the rally, including lawyers Sajjad Panhiar, Aijaz Shaar, and Mushtaq Rajar, passionately articulated their concerns regarding the deteriorating infrastructure and lack of basic services in Naro, which is recognized as the largest taluka in Khairpur. They pointed out the dismal state of roads, schools, and hospitals, emphasizing that these fundamental facilities are crucial for the welfare and development of the community. The speakers expressed frustration over the apparent disconnect between the revenue generated by local resources and the lack of investment in community development. They noted that despite the presence of three major gas companies operating in the area, the substantial funds—amounting to millions of rupees—are not being allocated to improve



conditions in Naro. "While documents may suggest progress on road construction, the reality on the ground tells a different story," Rajar stated, highlighting the gap between promises and actual progress. Additionally, the rally leaders raised concerns about the extraction of valuable resources such as stones, sand, and crushed gravel from the region. They pointed out that these activities contribute significantly to mineral and mining taxes, yet the benefits are not being reinvested into the local community. "The wealth generated from our land should be used to uplift our infrastructure and provide essential services to our people," Shar asserted, echoing the sentiments of many participants. The protest not only aimed to spotlight these critical issues but also called

Sindh Cultural Forum leaders visit Sarwech Sujawali Govt Public Library



role in the literary, social, and educational landscapes. "The management of such institutions is vital, and we commend the efforts put forth by Zubair and his team," Lakho stated. The delegation underscored the importance of libraries as pillars of knowledge and culture, especially in areas that have historically been neglected. They praised the establishment of the Sarwech Sujawali Government Public Library as a commendable effort by the Sindh government's culture department, emphasizing that such initiatives deserve recognition and appreciation. "This library is not just a building; it is a gateway to knowledge and a source of inspiration for the youth of Sujawal," said Dr. Ali Hassan Marri. The forum leaders committed to advocating for further support and development of the library, aiming to enhance its role in the community. As the visit concluded, the Sindh Cultural Forum members reiterated their dedication to promoting cultural initiatives and ensuring that institutions like the Sarwech Sujawali Government Public Library thrive. Their visit serves as a reminder of the importance of fostering a love for reading and education, paving the way for a brighter future in Sujawal and beyond.

upon higher authorities to take immediate action. The leaders urged government officials and policymakers to prioritize the needs of Naro's residents and allocate necessary resources for development. "We hope this rally will serve as a wake-up call for those in power to recognize the discontent among our people and take steps to address it," Panhiar concluded. As the rally ended, participants expressed a renewed sense of purpose, vowing to continue their advocacy for basic facilities and improvements in their community. With the collective voice of the Awami Ittehad and the support of the local population, the movement seeks to bring about meaningful change in Naro, ensuring that its residents receive the services and infrastructure they rightfully deserve.

DC Khairpur notifies decrease in public transport fares

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: In a move to ease the financial burden on commuters, Deputy Commissioner Syed Ahmed Fawad Shah has issued an important notification under the Motor Vehicle Ordinance of 1965, announcing a decrease in public transport fares following the recent reduction in petrol prices. The notification also includes a detailed intra-city fare list for both air-conditioned (AC) and non-air-conditioned (non-AC) transport services. The new fare structure specifies rates for various routes originating from Khairpur, aiming to provide clear and transparent pricing for the local population. Notably, the fare

benefit the local populace by making public transportation more affordable and accessible, especially amid fluctuating fuel prices. Deputy Commissioner Shah emphasized that the fare adjustments are part of a broader effort to ensure fair pricing in public transport and to encourage the use of these services among residents. He encouraged citizens to take advantage of the reduced fares and assured that the administration remains committed to monitoring the situation to ensure compliance among transport operators. With the new fare rates in effect, residents of Khairpur can look forward to more economical travel options as they navigate their daily commutes.

Principal of GGHSS clashes with Biometric Office over teachers' attendance

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A significant confrontation has erupted at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) in Thul between Principal Niaz Sarki and biometric officer Tausif Noonari over the contentious issue of teacher attendance. The altercation has prompted calls for an investigation into the matter by concerned parties and stakeholders. The conflict began when Tausif Noonari attempted to carry out his duties related to recording the teachers' attendance. Upon arriving at the school, he reportedly found several staff members, including teachers, absent. In response, Principal Sarki confronted the biometric officer, leading to a heated exchange. Instead of allowing Noonari to fulfill his res-

responsibilities, the principal ordered him to leave. The principal claimed that Noonari had reprimanded him, stating he should not enter the school without prior permission. This assertion highlights the tension surrounding the implementation of the biometric attendance system, which aims to ensure accountability among teachers. Principal Sarki defended his actions by stating that the biometric officer was disrupting the school environment. He accused Noonari of arriving early and unnecessarily bothering the teachers, which he felt was inappropriate. Sarki further emphasized that the officer did not inform him of his intentions to enter the school, labeling this behavior as illegal. He indicated plans to report the incident to higher authorities in an official complaint. The situation escalated when a video of the altercation circulated on social media, attracting significant attention and concern from the community. Many individuals have since called for a thorough investigation into the incident, questioning the efficacy of the biometric attendance system and its implementation within the school. The clash has raised broader concerns about communication and cooperation between educational authorities and administrative staff, as well as the importance of maintaining a conducive learning environment for students. As the situation unfolds, both parties are expected to provide their accounts to the authorities, shedding light on the complexities of enforcing attendance regulations in educational institutions.

End The Extension Culture Once And For All For Everyone!

The recent confirmation that Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa will retire as scheduled, with no extension in his term, brings much-needed clarity to a situation fraught with speculation. The rumors of a potential extension to his tenure — even under the guise of uniform changes to retirement ages for judges — reflected a deeper, troubling pattern in Pakistan's governance: the tendency to extend the terms of powerful individuals. This is not just a legal issue; it speaks to the unhealthy culture of dependency on individuals rather than institutions. Over the years, extensions have been

granted in various sectors, from the military to the judiciary, and each time, they have only postponed the resolution of underlying



structural issues. Such extensions prevent the healthy rotation of leadership and create an impression that certain individuals are indispensable, a dangerous notion in any democracy. Pakistan's myriad challenges — from political instability to economic crises — will not be solved by extending the influence of

any one person, no matter their capabilities. Instead, these problems demand institutional strength, transparency, and accountability. A system that relies on the whims of individuals, rather than robust mechanisms, cannot hope to navigate these challenges effectively. If Pakistan is to move forward, it must end this practice. The country's future should not be held hostage to the personal decisions or influence of a few powerful figures. Justice Isa's decision not to seek an extension sets an example that should be followed across the board. The time has come for Pakistan to trust its institutions, not just its leaders.

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Govt Girls Degree College Kotri celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) with religious fervor

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: The Government Girls Degree College in Kotri witnessed a grand annual celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW), marked by heartfelt devotion and a vibrant display of reverence for the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). The event was a splendid gathering that brought together students, faculty, and the local community in a spirit of celebration and reflection.



The program commenced with students presenting soulful Naats, honoring the Prophet and filling the atmosphere with a profound spiritual ambiance. The melodic recitations resonated with the audience, serving as a testament to the love and respect the students hold for the Holy Prophet (SAWW).

Among the speakers at the event were Principal Madam Rukhsana Parveen Junjo, event organizer Professor Sakina Soomro, and Assistant Professors Raheela Baloch and Shabbaz Lanjar. They delivered inspiring speeches that emphasized the significance of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) as a mercy to all of creation. "The life of

the Prophet serves as a guiding light for us," said Principal Junjo. "His teachings and exemplary conduct are foundational to our faith and daily lives."

The speakers highlighted the integral role of love for the Holy Prophet (SAWW) in the life of a believer, asserting that true faith is demonstrated through adherence to his exemplary behavior. "Celebrating the birth of our beloved Prophet is not only an expression of our love but also a commitment to embody his teachings," emphasized Professor Soomro.

The attendees expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to celebrate this significant occasion, viewing it as a profound blessing bestowed by Allah Almighty.

The event served not only as a celebration but also as a reminder of the values and principles taught by the Holy Prophet (SAWW), encouraging all present to reflect on these teachings in their lives. As the celebration concluded, the atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and devotion. The students and faculty left with renewed spirits, inspired to carry forward the message of love, compassion, and guidance embodied by the Holy Prophet (SAWW). The annual celebration at Government Girls Degree College Kotri stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of the Prophet and the commitment of the college community to uphold his teachings.

BISP beneficiaries urged to get themselves registered in Dynamic Survey

By Khadim Hussain Khaskheli

SANGHAR: Women benefiting from the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) are urged to complete their dynamic survey as soon as possible, or they risk losing their payments Assistant Director Faisal Majeed Gujjar shared this message with the beneficiaries in Sanghar.

He emphasized that women who have received payments through the BISP card must visit the BISP office in Sanghar to conduct their dynamic survey. He noted that this is the final payment for those who have not been surveyed. Fu-

ture payments will only be available to those who complete the survey.

To register for the survey, women must have their children's birth forms, along with their own and their husband's identification cards and the husband's phone number. Faisal Majeed Gujjar reminded them that the survey could close within a few days, and no further surveys will be conducted afterward. He also mentioned that there is no fee for the survey, which will be open from Monday to Saturday at the Benazir Income Support Program office located near Government Boys High School Sanghar.

DC Abdul Haleem Jagirani chairs meeting to reduce public transport fares

By Ashraf Kunbhar

MITHI: Following the continuous decline in petrol prices, a meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar, Abdul Haleem Jagirani, at the Darbar Hall in Mithi to determine passenger vehicle fares in line with the new petrol rates. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stated that as petrol prices have decreased, vehicle operators should adjust their fares accordingly. He warned that vehicles not adhering to OGRA's guidelines would not be allowed on the roads.



He directed relevant officials to conduct surprise checks on vehicles, seizing those fitted with illegal CNG kits and ensuring compliance with certification requirements for permitted vehicles. He also stressed the importance of verifying route permits, fare lists, and other necessary documentation, stating that vehicles not meeting regulations should be prohibited from operating. All relevant officials attended the meeting.

Town Chairman Nisar Hussain Khaskheli served legal notice

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: Councilor Sanam Rajpar of Ward No-3 in the Faqirabad Town Committee has issued a legal notice to Chairman Sirai Nisar Hussain Khaskheli for passing the budget in violation of legal protocols. The notice demands an unconditional apology and resignation from the chairman.

Sanam Rajpar, representing the Pakistan Peoples Party, has highlighted that the chairman has been

absent from the office for a considerable period, preferring to stay in various hotels in Karachi instead of attending to the affairs of Faqirabad. The legal notice states that the Town Committee office has been closed for an extended duration, raising questions about when and in which meeting the new financial year's budget was passed. It alleges that Chairman Nisar created fraudulent budget papers, including forged signatures of committee

members, who have since distanced themselves from this action. Furthermore, the notice asserts that the chairman violated the law by not convening a budget meeting and passing the budget without formal sessions, which is considered a legal offense. Sanam Rajpar demands that Chairman Nisar Khaskheli publicly apologize within fourteen days and warns of contacting relevant authorities for further action if he fails to comply.

Bakhtawar Cadet College for Girls concludes 3-Day teachers' professional development program

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: Bakhtawar Cadet College for Girls (BCCG) in Shaheed Benazirabad successfully wrapped up a three-day Teachers' Professional Development Program designed to enhance educators' teaching skills and methodologies. The initiative reflects BCCG's commitment to continuous improvement in education quality and the professional growth of its staff.

The program kicked off with an engaging workshop led by Professor Dr. Tariq Umran, the former Director of the Institute of English Language and Literature at the University of Sindh. Dr. Umran's interactive sessions focused on innovative teaching strategies and effective classroom management techniques, providing valuable insights that participants can apply in their own classrooms.

Dr. Qurat-ul-Ain Ali Shaikh, Principal of Government Sakhrat Sarmast Degree College in Nawabshah, attended the program and commended its significance for youth development. She noted the valuable contributions of two professors from



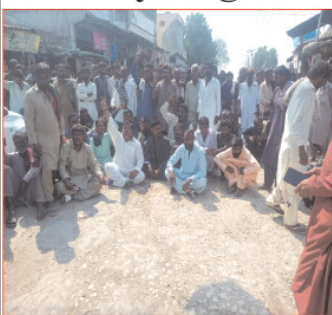
her college, Prof. Dr. Mehmooh Dahri from the Sindh Department and Prof. Aftab Ahmed Abro from the English Department, who participated as facilitators in the workshops.

The concluding ceremony was held at the Jinnah Auditorium, where Deputy Commissioner Shehryar Gul Memon graced the event as the Chief Guest. He distributed certificates of participation to the educators, acknowledging their commitment to professional development. During his address, Memon praised BCCG for its proactive approach to advancing education and expressed optimism

about the positive impact of such programs on the community.

"This initiative is a significant step toward enhancing the skills of our teachers, which ultimately benefits our students," he stated. The successful completion of this professional development program underscores BCCG's dedication to fostering an environment of continuous learning and improvement. By investing in its educators, the college is not only enhancing the quality of education provided but also preparing its students to thrive in an increasingly competitive world.

Rice mill workers protest for increase in their daily wages



By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: In Tando Bago, hundreds of workers from the All Palidar Labor Union protested against the failure to increase daily wages, staging a boycott of all rice mills in the city. They locked the gates of the mills, including Dilbar Sindh, Sachal Halipoto, and Karo Halipoto, with union leaders like Misri Malah, Latif Mallah, Mola Bux, Zahid Khaskheli, Shahid Sheedi, and Akbar Mallah present.

The workers marched from Allah Wala Chowk to Badar Chowk, demanding a wage increase. Union leaders addressed the crowd, stating that they have been working in various rice mills for the past twenty years, receiving only 2 to 3 rupees per

month daily. In contrast, the rice mill owners charge farmers 20 rupees per mound but only pay the workers a meager amount.

They expressed their struggles, saying that low wages have made it difficult to provide even one meal for their families amid rising inflation, where a cup of tea costs 50 rupees. Despite repeated appeals for a wage increase, the mill owners have only given false reassurances. The leaders highlighted that while the harvest season is ongoing, the mill owners continue to exploit workers, pocketing their rights. They warned that if wages are not increased, the workers would resort to self-immolation and intensify their protests by blocking the gates of the rice mills.

Construction of a school demanded in Phulji Station

By Abdullah Shahani

PHULJI STATION: The residents of Phulji Station organized a protest rally led by the Dadu Awami Forum against the five-year delay in the construction of the Government Girls High School building. The rally, which included leaders from political, social, and nationalist organizations, began at Haidar Chowk and proceeded to the dilapidated school building, where demonstrators expressed their grievances.

Protesters, including Ashiq Ali Zaur, Warayam Sindhvi, Nabi Baksh Halipoto, and others, demanded that the contractor be held accountable for the delayed construction. They highlighted that despite five years passing, the



building work remains incomplete, leaving teachers and over a thousand female students in distress.

Due to the absence of a proper school building, girls have been receiving education in temporary classrooms at the higher secondary school, which has now ceased operations for repairs, restricting students to their homes for the past month. The protesters

criticized the silence of elected representatives and called upon high officials, including the D.C. Dadu, to take immediate action to complete the school's construction and safeguard the education of these girls. Despite the Sindh government's allocation of billions for educational reforms each year, the protesters questioned where this budget is being spent.

Doubt thou the stars are fire, Doubt that the sun doth move. Doubt truth to be a liar, But never doubt I love.

—William Shakespeare

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Government and Opposition Inch Closer To High-Stakes Joint Constitutional Amendments Draft

ISLAMABAD: Major political parties, including the opposition, on Friday decided to move towards reaching a consensus and bring about a "joint draft" later on for amending the Constitution, a first breakthrough after days of deadlock. Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazur Rehman said.



The 'Constitutional Package', among other things, aims to set up a federal constitutional court and fix the tenure of the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) for three years. The government had aimed to present the bill to amend the Constitution last month, but its allies as well as members from the opposition benches vehemently opposed the proposal, forcing the administration to begin a consultation process.

The fifth in-camera meeting was attended by Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) parliamentarians and federal ministers. The JUI-F top leader said that the PPP had also given suggestions, adding that the parties will begin consultations with the government in this regard.

Fazl, while talking to journalists today, said that the government presented their draft for the constitutional amendments before his party for the first time.

He said that the JUI-F would hold consultations with the PPP separately. Moreover, the party will also share its draft with the PTI as well to reach a consensus, the veteran politician added.

The statement came after a meeting of the Special Committee of Parliament today to hold a discussion on the proposed constitutional amendments.

Moreover, the establishment of constitutional courts and judges' transfer has also been discussed.

Addressing a press conference after the meeting, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said that all the political parties expressed their opinion in the meeting. The PPP also presented its "draft" before the committee, while the government informed the committee about its consultation with the lawyers' bodies. "Maulana Fazur Rehman reiterated his stance that he wants to present the 'joint draft' with the PPP," he said while referring to the JUI-F chief.

I also repeated the same stance that all the political parties should be on board," he added. Bilawal went on to say that the law minister expressed confidence about having the "complete numbers". If the federal government wants to bring a "joint draft" despite having a two-thirds majority then it is for the best, he said.

However, he said that how long will the government wait for a joint draft to be finalised, with all the other tasks pending. The PPP chief said that his JUI-F to present its draft before the PPP as the latter has presented before the former. Bilawal, the former foreign minister, further said that the ruling coalition decided that they would not bring the constitutional amendments before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, which is scheduled to take place in Islamabad on October 15 and 16.

PM Declares Quality Education The Key To Unlocking National Progress

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday emphasized that the provision of quality education and technical training was the government's top priority, as no nation can progress without a high-quality education system.



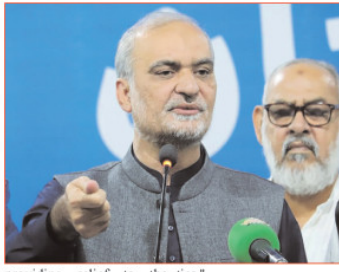
He was chairing an important review meeting on Federal Education and Technical Training Affairs. The Prime Minister stated that, in today's education landscape, skills development, information technology, and digitalization have become indispensable, stressing the urgent need to align Pakistan's education system with these modern principles.

He further highlighted that, in line with the government's commitment to ensuring no child in Pakistan is left out of school, the incumbent administration had implemented an educational emergency. Additionally, he underscored the importance of holding a National Curriculum Summit to facilitate the introduction of a uniform education system across the country. The Prime Minister directed relevant authorities to expedite the construction of Daanish Schools in underprivileged areas, including Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Balochistan. He also instructed that daycare centers be established in all educational institutions in Islamabad to support the convenience of female teachers. In his directive to set up

libraries in parks and recreational areas of Islamabad, the Prime Minister emphasized that access to these facilities should be free, with complimentary internet facilities also provided. The Prime Minister called for the formulation of a strategy to provide monthly stipends to female students in rural areas of Islamabad, aiming to increase enrollment in these schools. "Technical training should be integrated into the curriculum of Islamabad schools," the Prime Minister said. He added that students who had dropped out of education for any reason should be offered free technical training, and an awareness campaign should be launched to encourage them to return to school. "Teachers are the builders of the nation," he said, highlighting the critical need to establish a high-quality teacher training institution in Islamabad. He also directed a third-party audit of teacher training programs and the assessment of teachers' skills. Special attention, he ties

Hafiz Naem Slams Proposed Amendment As 'Constitutional Sabotage,' Rallies Opposition To Reject It

GUJRAT: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief Hafiz Naem-ur-Rehman criticised the proposed constitutional amendment regarding the Supreme Court, labelling it an "attack on the constitution" and called on the opposition to fully reject it. "Debating the amendment's details is tantamount to strengthening the government. Any vote in favour will be seen as a tool of the establishment," he stated.



Ji chief also called on the government to immediately terminate contracts with independent power producers (IPPs) linked to the military, bureaucracy, and the Sharif family.

He urged Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to announce public relief by reducing electricity bills from next month, citing potential savings of PKR 411 billion if five IPP contracts are ended. Speaking at a rally in Gujrat, Hafiz Naem said, "The military and civilian bureaucracy should forgo their privileges, as the public can no longer bear the burden of the ruling class's extravagance."

He added that JI's movement had brought the issue of IPP profiteering to light, which would otherwise have continued unchecked. Hafiz Naem lamented the control of Pakistan's resources by an elite class for the past 77 years, calling for a decisive fight against this dominance.

He also took aim at Pakistan's elite, stating that landowners and feudal lords, backed by the local and global establishment, have long evaded taxes, while the burden is shifted onto the public. He added, "Electricity bills are loaded with multiple taxes, and IPPs are not only paid capacity charges but are also given tax exemptions. Meanwhile, the people are deprived of basic necessities."

He urged the public to join JI's "Haq Do Tehreek", which he said is aimed at

On the issue of inheritance rights, Hafiz Naem vowed that JI, upon coming to power, would ensure women receive their rightful share of inheritance, and warned that any civil, military officer, or politician withholding this right from their daughters or sisters would lose their position. He concluded his address by calling on Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa to voluntarily resign his retirement, regardless of whether the constitutional amendment is passed. He also called for the official notification of Justice Mansoor Ali Shah's appointment. JI leaders from northern Punjab, including Dr Tariq Saleem, Qaiser Sharif, and Choudhry Ansar Mahmood Dhoal, were also present at the rally, which saw significant participation from women and families.—RT/Agency

IHC Grants Rare Permission For PTI Founder To Meet Sister Noreen Niazi



ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) directed authorities to allow meeting between sister Noreen Niazi and PTI founder Imran Khan.

Chief Justice Aamer Farooq heard Noreen Niazi's petition challenging the ban. The Additional Attorney General, Munwar Iqbal Dugal, and the Deputy Superintendent of Adiala Jail appeared before the court. The jail officials presented a threat alert notification from the Ministry of Interior, which they said clarified the ban on all visits to the jail. Imran Khan's lawyer, Salman Akram Raja, argued that immediate family members, especially a sister and a personal physician, should always be allowed to visit. He stressed the need for

Three Notorious Fitna al-Khawarij Eliminated In Fierce Sibi Operation

SIBI: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) killed three Fitna al-Khawarij terrorists in operation near Dhadar, Sibi, media reported on Friday. As per details, the operation was conducted near Dou Pasi Bridge, and a huge cache of arms was recovered from the killed terrorist's possession.

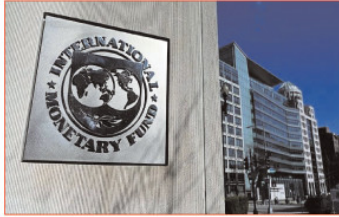


The Khawarij were planning to carry out a terrorist attack, the SSP Kachi added. Earlier on September 7, Security forces thwarted an attack on the Frontier Corps (FC) headquarters in Mohmand district, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the assault was carried out by a group of four suicide bombers affiliated with the extremist group Fitna al-Khawarij.

The attempt to enter the camp was effectively thwarted by the security forces personnel, and resultant the khawarij, all four suicide bombers, were sent to hell before they could cause the intended damage," it said. The ISPR said sanitisation operation was being conducted to eliminate any other terrorists found in the area. In separate incident, CTD and police killed a Fitna al-Khawarij commander Inam Lakki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The CTD and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police conducted a joint operation in Lakki Marwat, upon receiving information of the terrorists' presence. The operation targeted the local commander of the Fitna al-Khawarij. During the exchange of fire, Inam alias Sarh Lumba was killed. The forces have launched a search operation to apprehend the fleeing militants.—RT/Agency

IMF Lays Down Tough \$7 Billion Loan Demands For Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has unveiled new loan conditions for Pakistan, media reported on Friday.



The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Board on September 25 approved Pakistan's 37-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF) arrangement of about US\$7 billion. The 37-month Extended Fund Facility arrangement aims to support Pakistan's economic stability and growth, with key policy goals including sustainable public finances, reduced inflation, and strengthened external buffers.

has been asked to ensure economic reforms and conducive conditions for the private sector to boost the economy. The international lender has also urged Pakistan to increase its tax net and slash government spending and expedite reforms in the government-owned entities. The report predicted Pakistan's GDP to remain between 4 to 4.5pc during FY2024-25 to 2029-30 while the inflation is predicted to remain between 6.6 to 9 per cent. IMF has stressed the need for implementation of the economic reforms policies. On September 27, Pakistan received the first tranche of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) following the approval of the IMF Executive Board of a 37-month Extended Fund Facility amounting to US\$7 billion. State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) received SDR 760 million—equivalent to USD 1026.9 million—as the first tranche from the IMF on Friday, according to SBP.—RT/Agency

Imran And Bushra Deserve Family Visits Amid Legal Battle



ISLAMABAD: Secretary General of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Barrister Salman Akram Raja on Friday said that the PTI founder Imran Khan and former first lady Bushra Bibi must be allowed to meet the family, adding that it was a basic human right to let inmates see their families. Speaking outside the Islamabad High Court (IHC), the PTI Secretary General said that he would plead before the court to let Khan meet his sister and doctor while hoping that the government may show a more humane approach this time. "It is necessary for us during these distressing times to consult Imran Khan on political matters. Everything is being done to sabotage the political process. The people of Pakistan want the orders passed on the basis of human rights. Anything can be expected from this fascist regime," he deplored. He said that he was appearing in court cases on a daily basis, adding that the PTI founder was only allowed to meet twice during Toshakhana case hearing.—RT/Agency

ECP Ramps Up Consultations Over Reserved Seats After Punjab And NA Speaker Letters

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday decided to continue its consultation process on the letters written by the speakers of National Assembly and Punjab Assembly related to the reserved seats. A meeting was chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja on Friday to discuss the letters written by both the speakers. Sikandar Sultan Raja was briefed that both the speakers wrote two letters to the ECP demanding the issuance of notification related to the reserved seats. The sources said that the ECP's meeting remained inconclusive and the commission decided to continue the consultation process.



Earlier, National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq had demanded the allocation of reserved seats under the amended Election Act. Ayaz Sadiq had written a letter to Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja regarding the reserved seats. He had mentioned that the Supreme Court's decision on reserved seats cannot be implemented after the amendment to the Election Act. In the letter, Speaker Ayaz Sadiq told the chief election commissioner that reserved seats cannot be changed after the amendment to the Election Act.—RT/Agency

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PM Scrutinizes Last-Minute Preparations For Highly Anticipated SCO Summit

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