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## Race Against Time! Special Committee Scrambles For CJP Appointment Before Deadline

ISLAMABAD: As incumbent Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa is set to retire on October 25, the coalition government has kicked off the process of appointing a new top court judge following the enactment of the 26th Constitutional Amendment, which mandates the top judicial slot be filled three days before the incumbent's retirement.

In a notification issued on late Monday, the National Assembly Secretariat said that a 12-member Special Parliamentary Committee has been constituted for the appointment of next Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP).

The 26th Constitutional Amendment sets the CJP's term at three years or until they reach the retirement age of 65. Additionally, the selection of the chief justice will



no longer be based solely on seniority, and instead, the choice will be made among the three most senior judges of the Supreme Court.

President Asif Ali Zardari signed the bill into law on the advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in the wee hours of Monday.

After tweaks to the Constitution's Article 175A, a 12-member Special Parliamentary Committee will

nominate the new chief justice out of three senior-most judges of the Supreme Court. The recommendation would be considered final after the committee agrees on a name for the coveted judiciary post with a two-thirds majority.

Over the committee's recommendation, the prime minister will send the nomination to the president for final approval.—RT/Agency

## Constitutional Shake-Up: New Amendments Officially Enforced After Presidential Green Light

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday signed the 26th Constitutional Amendment Bill into law upon the advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif today following the approval of the said legislation by the parliament.

A gazette notification has been issued following the president's assent to the contentious legislation.

The development comes after the ruling coalition succeeded in pushing the highly contentious judicial reforms through the Parliament via a two-thirds majority with 225 and 65 votes in the lower and upper house, respectively.

Under the judicial reforms — opposed by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) which boycotted the voting process — the chief justice of Pakistan will now



be selected by a parliamentary committee and have a fixed term of three years. Also, a new constitutional bench will also be formed under the constitutional package.

Following the late-night marathon session in the Parliament, PM Shehbaz sent an advice to President Zardari in the wee hours of Monday to give his assent and sign the legislation into law.

Earlier in the day, the

including Zahoor Qureshi, Aurangzeb Khichi, Usman Ali, and Mubarak Zeb voted in favour of the motion along with the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid's (PML-Q) Chaudhry Ilyas.

With the president's assent today, the Constitutional Amendment Bill 2024 has now become an Act of the parliament which will be followed by the formation of a special parliamentary committee — responsible for the appointment of the new CJP under clause 3 of Article 175A of the Constitution.

Incumbent CJP Qazi Faez Isa, who is set to retire on October 25, will send the names of three senior judges to the committee under sub-clause 3 of Article 175A.

The committee will appoint the next CJP and will send the name to the PM who will then forward it to

the president.

Chief Justice of Pakistan's (CJP) tenure fixed at three years.

Constitutional benches to be established at the SC and high courts.

Senior-most judge of each bench to serve as presiding officer.

Parliamentary committee to nominate new CJP from panel of three most senior judges.

Committee to propose name to PM, who will then forward it to president for final approval.

JCP, led by CJP and three others, responsible for appointment of SC judges.

JCP to monitor judges' performance, report any concerns to Supreme Judicial Council. Complete eradication of Riba (interest) from country by January 1, 2028.—RT/Agency

## Jamaat-e-Islami Prepares To Battle 26th Amendment In Court

ISLAMABAD: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief Hafiz Naemur Rehman has indicated that his party is considering challenging the recently enacted 26th constitutional amendment.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Rehman claimed that efforts to influence the judiciary had been ongoing for a long time. He said, "Yesterday, PDM 3 was active. We are reviewing the legal process to challenge the 26th amendment."

Rehman expressed disappointment with members of the opposition who voted in favour of the amendment, urging them not to participate in the process. "Some people are bought, while others succumb to pressure. Half of those in the assembly didn't even win," he added.

Reflecting on the country's legislative history, he remarked that the 1973 Constitution was created under difficult circumstances. He also criticised the Punjab government, stating that it only provided relief to the public for two months.



Earlier, President Asif Ali Zardari officially approved the 26th constitutional amendment, which has now become law following its publication in the official gazette. The amendment passed with a two-thirds majority in both the National Assembly and Senate.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif lauded the amendment's unanimous passage, calling it a "shining example of national consensus." He highlighted the amendment as fulfilling the unfinished vision of the Charter of

## Senator Irfan Siddiqui Demands End To Pakistan's Institutional Tug-of-War

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) in the Senate and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Irfan Siddiqui has strongly commended Parliament for taking a decisive step to restore balance and protect the Constitution with full force.

"The time has come for Parliament to halt the path of disruption, restore the balance of constitutional institutions, and uphold the Constitution in accordance with its oath. The 26th Amendment is a determined step by Parliament in this noble direction," he said.

In a statement posted on X on Monday, the senior PML-N leader criticized the long-standing unchecked judicial activism, which, under the guise of judicial independence, has paralyzed the



other two pillars of the state, Legislature and Executive. He stated that this activism is now threatening the supremacy and sanctity of the Constitution itself. "Some parts of the Constitution have fallen victim to the doctrine of necessity or convenience, some deemed unworthy of attention, and others being taken over under the pretext of interpretation."

Senator Siddiqui expressed concern that now the trend of rewriting the Constitution to achieve desired outcomes is becoming a routine. "It was imperative for Parliament to step in with full force, restore the balance of constitutional institutions, and protect the Constitution as per its oath," he reiterated, emphasizing that the 26th Amendment reflects Parliament's resolute action in this regard.—RT/Agency

## Gandapur Claims PTI Will Wipe Out 26th Amendment When We Take Back Power

PESHAWAR: Blasting the coalition government for passing the "contentious" 26th Constitutional Amendment, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur on Monday termed the fresh legislation an attack on the "independence" of judiciary, saying that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) will revoke the newly enacted legislation whenever it returned to power in the Centre.

Speaking on the floor of the KP assembly, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) firebrand chief minister took a dig at the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led government, saying "A government who does not have a legal mandate attacked the judiciary."

"Independent Judiciary has been subjugated."

The Imran Khan-founded party calls the incumbent government "unconstitutional" and "Form-47 government" — a reference to the alleged manipulation in the results of February 8 general elections.

The PTI also issued a white paper on alleged rigging in the February 8 general elections, demanding the formation of the judicial commission to probe the "snatching of the 180 seats."

Earlier today, President Asif Ali Zardari signed the "26th Amendment Bill" into law on the advice of PM Shehbaz following the approval of the said legislation by the parliament.

In the lower house of parliament, the government



clinched 225 votes of the required 224 with the crucial support of a handful of independent MNAs, including those backed by the PTI.

The KP chief minister was of the view that the "unconstitutional amendment" was aimed at facilitating the elite class.

"Independent Judiciary has been subjugated."

The chief minister announced that the "contentious" constitutional amendment would be revoked whenever PTI would come into power. He further said that they would make amendments to the Constitution that would benefit the people.

Strongly criticising the PTI-backed dissident lawmakers, CM Gandapur said that they should have resigned instead of casting votes in favour of the "unconstitutional amendment."

"The nation will make them accountable who changed their loyalties," threatened the firebrand leader.

Zahoor Qureshi, Aurangzeb Khichi, Usman Ali,

## Justice Mansoor Sounds The Alarm: Judiciary Under Siege After New Law

ISLAMABAD: Justice Mansoor Ali Shah Monday expressed concerns over the dilemma that the judiciary could face after the new legislation — the 26th Constitutional Amendment — approved by the Parliament.

Justice Mansoor's remarks come hours after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government passed the contentious constitutional package in the Senate and National Assembly — the process of which began Sunday evening and ended during the pre-dawn hours on Monday.

The judiciary-oriented constitutional package proposed a set of constitutional amendments, including providing a fixed three-year term for three Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP).

According to the tweaks, the constitutional benches will be established in both the SC and high courts, with the commission determining the number of judges required for these benches.

Detailing the bill on Sunday, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said that a constitutional bench would be established within the SC.

He added that the judges would be appointed by the



Supreme Court that whether a case will be heard by a general bench or a constitutional bench."

Responding to the judge's remark, Barrister Farogh Naseem said that political cases have now become constitutional cases.

Justice Mansoor adjourned the hearing of the case for three weeks, stating that the situation around the jurisdiction matter would be clear by that time.

Justice Ayesha Malik, on the other hand, remarked: "Read the new amendment, Article 199 case cannot be heard here."

Meanwhile, Justice Mansoor maintained that it will also take some time for the judiciary to understand the tweaks themselves.—RT/Agency

## Fireworks In Court CJP Isa And PTI's Hamid Khan Clash In Fiery Exchange

ISLAMABAD: A heated exchange occurred between Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawyer Hamid Khan and Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa during the Supreme Court's hearing on the review petition regarding PTI's intra-party elections.

The three-member bench, led by Chief Justice Isa and including Justices Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Musarrat Hilali, heard the case.

Tensions flared during Hamid Khan's arguments when he stated that a three-member bench could not hear the case, citing a previous 13-member bench ruling.

Chief Justice Isa questioned why this point was not raised earlier, prompting Khan to assert that the court should refer to the Election Commission and Sunni Ittehad Council case decisions.

The situation escalated when Hamid Khan accused the Chief Justice of being biased.



Chief Justice Isa responded, "I prefer people who speak to my face, not on TV." Khan replied that he could not argue before a judge he believed to be biased.

The exchange continued with the Chief Justice questioning whether the court was being treated as a platform for casual conversation.

Hamid Khan then remarked that while it was an honour to appear before the court, he would refrain from making further arguments.—RT/Agency

## Ozempic Fawad Chaudhry Rips Into Government: Amendment Won't Deliver The Goods

ISLAMABAD: Former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry has said that the 26th Constitutional Amendment won't benefit the government as it was intended to.

"It is their misunderstanding that they will control the judiciary," Chaudhry, a former minister in PTI government said.

He said the PML-N and the PPP have no political role to play. "They are puppets of martial law regimes," he said. "A new movement will begin from today and this government's days will further decrease." Fawad Chaudhry said, "Citizens, lawyers and judges will stand against the government's established this system."

He said he would raise the issue of the PTI adding that a bad draft of the consti-



tutional amendment has been passed after becoming lesser damaging. The government managed to secure two-third majority for the passage of the 26th constitutional amendment in the National Assembly in the wee hours of Monday, shortly after it sailed through Senate. The constitutional amendment envisages introduction of reforms to the appointment process and tenure of the

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and establishment of constitutional benches at the Supreme Court, with equal representation from all provinces.

Acting on the advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday signed 26th constitutional amendment bill into law after its passage by both houses of the parliament.—RT/Agency

# THE HEARTLAND



## MNA Syed Naveed Qamar And SACM Qasim Naveed Qamar Vow To Transform TMK With Bold Development Plans

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Due to the efforts of MNA Syed Naveed Qamar and District Chairman Syed Qasim Naveed, over 34 crore PKR has been allocated for the construction of more than 20 new government school buildings in Tando Muhammad Khan. The federal and provincial governments have released these funds to rebuild school facilities in various union councils. MNA Syed Naveed Qamar emphasized that providing primary and secondary education is a top priority for the Pakistan Peoples Party. He noted that the funding will address the urgent need for school buildings in areas where children are currently forced to study under open skies due to a



lack of facilities. The new buildings aim to facilitate easier access to education for these children.

## MPA Pir Mujibul Haq Leads Human Rights Meeting



By Javed Laghari

DADU: A meeting on human rights, focusing on women's rights, was held in Dadu, led by PPP MPA Barrister Pir Mujibul Haq and Director of Human Rights Agha Fakhar Hus-

sain District officers and social leaders also participated. During the event, Agha Fakhar Hussain presented an honorary shield to MPA Pir Mujibul Haq and gifted him a Sindhi cap and Ajrak as symbols of Sindhi's culture.

## GDA Keeps Pressure On With Fiery Protest Against IRSA Act Amendments In Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A protest march against the amendment of the IRSA Act and the extraction of illegal canals from the Indus River received a warm welcome upon its arrival in Badin. Led by Shah, Dr. Safdar Abbasi, and Hasnain Mirza, the protest included speeches that denounced the struggle against illegal canals. The march, which started from Khorwah and Golarchi, culminated in a public meeting at DC Chowk, organized under the auspices of the GDA Mirza Group. The Functional Central League, the Sindhi United Party, and other allied parties addressed the gathering. Pir Saadudin Shah Rashid (Younis Sain) emphasized that the people of Badin are prepared to resist any conspiracies against the Sindhi River, asserting that recent attacks on its rights originate from the presidency. He accused the "fake government system" of plotting against the people and declared that the amendment of the IRSA Act and the extraction of illegal canals would not be tolerated. He insisted that water from the Indus River must reach the sea throughout the year to preserve the Indus Delta and agriculture. Dr. Safdar Abbasi, General Secretary of the GDA, criticized the Sindhi Government for failing to protect the rights of the Indus River. He addressed former President Asif Ali Zardari, accusing him of prioritizing power and interests over the people's welfare. Central President Syed Zain Shah highlighted the severe constitutional violations occurring in the country and condemned Zardari's plans to allocate land in Sindhi to foreign entities. Ayaz Latif Palijo reinforced the importance of the Sindhi River, calling it sacred and intolerable to exploitation. He criticized the government's destruction of education and health, claiming that Zardari has turned Sindhi into an orphanage. He warned that if the situation does not improve, protests would escalate from Karachi to Kashmir. Leaders from various parties, including GDA, Tehreek-e-Insaf, and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, condemned the illegal siphoning of water from the Sindhi River, arguing that it threatens the agricultural economy and exacerbates poverty. Haleem Adil Shaikh stated that the Tehreek-e-Insaf stands firmly with the people of Sindhi, ready to protest against the current rulers. The event saw significant participation from various political parties and civil society groups, reflecting a unified stand against perceived injustices affecting the rights of Sindhi and its residents.

## Green Revolution Begins! SAU And Breathe Green Launch Ambitious 1 Million Tree Plantation Drive

By Irfan Ali Khushk

TANDO JAM: In a significant effort to combat climate change, Sindh Agriculture University (SAU) Tando Jam, in collaboration with the Breathe Green organization, launched a large-scale tree plantation drive at Isra University Hyderabad and along Hala Naka Road. This event marked the commencement of the 1 million tree plantation drive, an ambitious campaign announced by SAU Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri. Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri, former Vice Chancellor Dr. AQ Mughal, and students from both SAU and Isra University participated actively in the drive, planting over 200 trees of various species. The initiative aims to address critical environmental challenges



such as climate change, promote biodiversity, and foster stronger community engagement. Prof. Dr. Ismail Kumbhar, Director of University Advancement and Financial Assistance at SAU, highlighted the environmental benefits of the initiative. The event garnered strong support from SAU students, faculty members, and key figures, including Prof. Suresh Kumar Wadhvani, Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch, Dr. Panjwani, Dr. Haroon Iqbal, and Dr. Aijaz Ali Khuharo. Their collective efforts underscored the power of community action in addressing environmental challenges and promoting sustainability.

## PPP's Khair Muhammad Shaikh Leads High-Profile Visit to Govt. College Of Technology Larkana



By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Khair Muhammad Shaikh, President PPP City District Larkana along with Jamal Mustafa Shaikh, Ali Raza Khokhar and Naeem Ali Mahar visited the Govt. College of Technology Larkana. Dr. Syed Muhammad Saleh Shah Principal GCT Larkana and Mureed Hussain Khakhrani Regional Director STEVTA Larkana, Wazir Ali Channa Asstt. Director ATO Larkana welcomed and shared the general issues of STEVTA. The President LCCI listened these issues of STEVTA and assured them to resolve issues of electricity, lack of staff, renovation of old buildings and others. In last, they bestowed a shield reward to the honorable Khair Muhammad Shaikh, President of Larkana Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## SPSF VP Arif Ali Jagirani Praises Bilawal Bhutto's Bold Political Moves

By RT Correspondent

LARKANA: The Vice President of the SPSF Kambar City, Arif Ali Jagirani while talking to the media has said that the 26th Constitutional Amendment Bill has been approved by the Senate with a two-thirds majority. This is a historic victory for democracy. The Bhutto family has been striving for democratic stability for three generations. Today, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari strengthened Parliament by presenting the 20th Constitutional Amendment as a gift. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the statesman, who has shown his prowess in the political arena. After passing in the Senate, the 26th Constitutional Amendment has been enacted into the Constitution following approval from the National Assembly. The parliament elected by the people's votes has now secured its constitutional status, and institutions are bound by their constitutional limits.

## Water War! Pakistan Youth Movement Protests Against Tanker Mafia And Water Shortage

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: The Pakistan Youth Movement held a protest in Kotri Site MC Bolhari against the tanker mafia and the tanker mafia. Leaders of the protest, including Abdul Sattar Lahr and Shahbaz Memon, stated that the Kotri Site Municipal Committee Bolhari has appointed their own manipulators to create an artificial water crisis, causing severe distress to the public. They accused the water supply in-charge, Zero Chohan, of selling water for money and illegally connecting water lines while extorting fees from residents. The



protesters claimed that the illegal practices are depriving the public of essential water services and empowering the tanker mafia. They demanded the immediate removal of Chohan and the appointment of a honest in-charge for the water supply schemes in Kotri Site Municipal Committee Bolhari.

## Tensions Rise As JSQM Launches Fiery Protest Over Security Concerns In Thul

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: JSQM Thul recorded a protest demonstration in front of the press club against increasing lawlessness in the city, led by Comrade Liaquat Sarki, Waseem Qureshi, Shahid Sarki, Dado Qureshi, and Siraj Sarki. JSQM leaders addressed the media, stating that due to police negligence, insecurity has escalated in the district, particularly in Thul and its surrounding areas. They highlighted that thefts and robberies have become commonplace, leaving the residents feeling unsafe. The protesters noted that motorcycle thefts occur daily, with criminals easily escaping. The leaders demanded an immediate end to the rising insecurity in Thul and surrounding areas, warning that if their demands are not met, they will escalate their protests.

## Thousands Gather For 93rd Grand Urs Of Hazrat Saman Sarkar Near Pangrio

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: During the 93rd annual Urs and Mela celebrations at Dargah Hazrat Saman Sarkar near Pangrio, Provincial Minister Syed Riaz Hussain Shah Sheerazi addressed the media, emphasizing that Sindhi is a land of saints known for preaching peace, love, and brotherhood. Having served for nearly four months, he expressed his commitment to fulfilling the expectations set by Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. The minister discussed ongoing efforts to improve the properties of the Aqaf Department across Sindh and mentioned plans to revise property rates. Addressing issues faced by pilgrims, he stated that the department is developing an action plan to enhance facilities at all shrines in Sindh. Regarding the lack of drinking water at Dargah Hazrat Saman Sarkar, he assured that a package for accommodations and other amenities would soon be implemented. When asked about new recruitments, he indicated that local youth would be prioritized in upcoming hiring processes. The celebrations included various events such as horse racing, kabaddi, Sufi poetry sessions, and a circus.

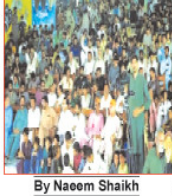
## Literary Lights Gather As SAS Hosts Grand Event In Nooriabad

By Shams Palari

NOORIABAD: A literary event was held at the Vikejo House in Village Fazal Palari, organized by the Sindhi Adabi Sangat Kohistan branch in collaboration with the social organization Roshan Kohistan. The gathering featured senior journalist and writer Ghulam Mustafa Memon, who shared insights on his journalistic journey. Prominent intellectuals, literary figures, and social activists shared their thoughts, praising Memon for starting his journalism career during a time when obtaining news and delivering it to organizations was challenging. The speakers emphasized that a journalist should remain unbiased and connected to their land and homeland. The event also featured addresses from senior journalists like Mahboob Brohi, Ghulam Mustafa Khoso, Ramzan Memon, and others. In recognition of his journalistic and literary contributions, Memon was presented with a shield and a shawl, along with traditional gifts including Ajrak and books from Sindh. Poets such as Khuda Bux Waqjjo, Jamaluddin Palari, and many others recited their poetry, adding to the cultural richness of the gathering.

## Theater Comes Alive: NAPA Stages Riveting Play 'Haveli' In Khairpur

By Naeem Shaikh



KHAIRPUR: The National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA), through its Outreach Theater, presented the stage play "Haveli," written by renowned storyteller Dr. Aijaz Samo and directed by Hubdar Jagirani, at last night. The play was warmly received by the people of Khairpur, with a large audience attending and praising the performance. The lead role in the play was performed by the well-known stage actor Ashiq Dayo, while the role of Ishrat Begum was portrayed by the



famous stage and TV actress Ramsha Shehzadi. Other actors in the play included Hashim Bhatti, Jabbar Lal, Sarfraz Qazi, and others. The story of the play revolved around love, relationships, and the greed for property, highlighting the weakening of bonds. The audience applauded the heartfelt dialogues with enthusiastic clapping. The president of the Khairpur Arts Council, Mukhtiar Malik, speaking about the play "Haveli," said that in a society filled with hatred, love is the eternal emotion that can save society from chaos. This play "Haveli" conveyed a powerful message to the public. Hafeez Mangnejo stated that the activities of the Khairpur Arts Council have provided the people of Khairpur with a rich recreational environment, for which the entire administration deserves praise. Ali Roshan Shaikh mentioned that the Khairpur Arts Council, like the Larkana Arts Council and other councils, is playing its part effectively. The Khairpur Arts Council has, in a short period, enriched the taste of the people of Khairpur, and now families are coming to watch stage plays, which is a sign of its success.

## AWP Stages Explosive Rally Against Extremism And Justice For Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar

By Aiaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR: Following the central call of the Awami Workers Party, a protest was held outside the Daulatpur Press Club against religious extremism, the failure to arrest the killers of Shaheed Dr. Shah Nawaz Kumbhar, and the construction of six canals over the Indus River. Led by the party's Sachal and Bhattai, and Sindhi president, Comrade Zia Bhatti, Comrade Younis Rahu, Saba Sindhi, and others, the leaders spoke to the media, stating that the Punjab establishment is orchestrating religious extremism in Sindhi by having educated individuals killed and aiming to incite violence. They accused the Punjab government of attempting to divert attention from the issue of unnatural canals being dug over the Indus River. The leaders emphasized that Sindhi is a land of Sufi saints like Sachal and Bhattai, and they condemned every conspiracy against Sindhi. They demanded a judicial inquiry to arrest all those responsible for the murder of Shaheed Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar.

## Three-Day Intellectual Marathon Concludes At Cadet College Petaro

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: Commodore Faisal Iqbal Qazi, Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Military), Principal Cadet College Petaro, proudly announced the successful conclusion of Petaro Model United Nations Edition VI. This three-day conference, held from October 18th to 20th, 2024, brought together cadets and contingents from renowned institutions across Pakistan to engage in diplomacy, debate, and negotiation. The purpose of the programme was to provide a platform for young leaders to discuss and resolve global issues, fostering leadership, critical thinking, and cross-cultural understanding. Eleven Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) committees tackled globally significant issues, including conflict resolution, international peace, and terrorism. The conference was led by Conference Manager Assistant Professor Ahsan Ali Shan and was organized in collaboration with CYA Cosmopolitan Youth Organization.



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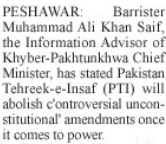
**Punjab Highway Patrol Shines With Stellar Performance Throughout October**



By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: The Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP) in the Gujranwala region demonstrated outstanding performance in the first twenty days of October, registering 160 cases against individuals involved in various crimes. During this period, PHP checked 174,650 people and 115,616 vehicles using the latest e-police app technology. They arrested 17 suspects involved in criminal activities and apprehended 21 judicial fugitives. The patrol also recovered five stolen cars, 138 stolen motorcycles, and four other vehicles. Additionally, 16,374 vehicles were challaned for traffic violations, and various forms of assistance were provided to 1,796 passengers experiencing difficulties during their journeys. The PHP successfully reunited 11 missing children with their parents and provided first aid to seven individuals injured in accidents. In terms of illegal weapons, PHP recovered three modern Kalashnikovs, four modern rifles, and 17 pistols from unauthorized holders along the highways. Legal action was initiated against a drug supplier from whom 133 liters of liquor were seized. Furthermore, 54 cases were filed against the use of illegal LPG cylinders in passenger vehicles and 55 cases against overloaded vehicles. The PHP emphasizes the importance of serving the community by ensuring the safety and convenience of citizens on the roads, with a commitment to protecting life and property as their core motto.

**'Unconstitutional Amendments Will Be Reversed' Barrister Saif's Bold Promise As PTI Vows To Take Power**



PESHAWAR: Barrister Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, the Information Advisor of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister, has stated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) will abolish 'controversial unconstitutional' amendments once it comes to power.

Barrister Saif said, "The fake government carried out abductions and attacked the Supreme Court under the cover of darkness. The process of amendments itself is screaming that the constitution has been stabbed in the back. These hurried amendments were aimed at avoiding the implementation of the Supreme Court's decisions." He added, "Once the PTI comes to power, we will abolish the controversial unconstitutional amendments. PTI's struggle will only intensify after these amendments. Those who voted in favour of these unconstitutional changes will never be forgiven by history. Those who supported these unconstitutional amendments will not escape the public's wrath.—RT/Agency"

**Scandal Erupts! Government Cracks Down On MNA Adil Bazai For Skipping Crucial Vote**



ISLAMABAD: Following his absence from an all-important session of the lower house which oversaw the passing of 26th amendment, the government on Monday took a strict action against MNA Adil Bazai. National Assembly Speaker wrote another letter to the ECP demanding that the MNA be disqualified and his seat made vacant. It should be noted that PML-N President Nawaz Sharif sent a reference against Bazai to the speaker as he was absent from the NA session. Meanwhile, the ECP has said the decision would be reached within 30 days of the receiving of the letter. Moreover, the top election body also directed Bazai to appear in person or through counsel at the ECP on October 23. Adil Khan Bazai is member of PML-N and he did not cast vote over the 26th amendment.—RT/Agency

**METRO KARACHI**

**Pakistan Navy Strikes Big! Massive Haul Of Indian-Made Narcotics Seized In North Arabian Sea**

KARACHI: In a significant anti-drug operation in the North Arabian Sea, the Pakistan Navy intercepted a large consignment of Indian-manufactured narcotic pills, along with other illicit substances valued at millions of dollars.



The operation took place on October 8, involving the PNF Hunain, and led to the recovery of 10,000 illegal Indian-produced pills, commonly used as narcotics. "The successful collaboration between the Pakistan Navy and Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF). The Pakistan Navy emphasized its ongoing vigilance to thwart illegal activities within the maritime region. The statement con-

**Horror In Lahore: Nursing Student Survives Suicide Attempt Amid Shocking Abuse Allegations**



LAHORE: A first-year nursing student at Fatima Jinnah Medical University survived an alleged suicide attempt and has called on Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz to intervene in a case of harassment and character assassination by the institution's female principal. Iman Fatima, a first-year student at the university's College of Nursing and Midwifery, was saved by fellow nurses when she was reportedly attempting to cut her jugular vein on Sunday. According to Director General Nursing Punjab, Tahira Sagheer, the student's alleged suicide attempt came following the behaviour of the institution's principal, who would allegedly resort to abusive words, harassment, and character assassination. Sagheer added that the student - who hails from Gujranwala and was pursuing nursing in the Lahore college - had sought leave from the principal. As per the DG Nursing, the student has submitted an application to the secretary health for action against the principal, the hearing for which will be held today. "Principal, student, and eye witness nurses have all been summoned with regards to the case. If the allegations are proven true, action will be taken," said Sagheer. Meanwhile, the student alleged character assassination at the hands of the principal who used abusive words and harassed her.—RT/Agency

**DC Muhammad Naeem Sindhu Leads Bold Crusade Against Air Pollution**

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: In light of the instructions from the Government of Punjab, a vigorous campaign is underway under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu to curb smog and air pollution, targeting brick kilns operating without zigzag technology and vehicles emitting smoke. In this regard, the Department of Environment sealed a plastic factory in Chak No-285 that was contributing to air pollution and has initiated further legal proceedings. Meanwhile, an FIR has been registered against the owner of a kiln in

Chak No-291 for not using zigzag technology. Assistant Director of Environment Shamim Ahmed stated that actions are being taken against kilns causing air pollution, and the Government of Punjab has directed that no kiln in the district should operate without zigzag technology.

**Gojra Glows With Devotion During Mesmerizing Mehfil-e-Milad Celebration**

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A gathering to celebrate Mehfil-e-Milad Mustafa (SAWW) was held in the Housing Colony, Gojra. The gathering was presided over by Pir-e-Tariqat, the custodian of Darbar Aliya Wadi Aziz Sharif, Chiniot. Hundreds of devotees and followers participated in the event. During the gathering, reciters and Naat performers warmed the hearts of the attendees with the recitation of the Quran and praises of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), while scholars elaborated on the blessed life of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad



At the conclusion of the gathering, Al-Haj Hazrat Pir Khwaja Mahboob Elahi Sarkar offered special prayers for the safety and security of the attendees, for Pakistan, and for the freedom and protection of Muslims in Kashmir and Palestine. A large arrangement for langar (community meal) was also made for those attending the event.

**Land Mafia Rampage! Over 300 Acres Encroached In Karachi's Taiser Town**

KARACHI: The land mafia in Karachi's Taiser Town has encroached upon more than 300 acres of land belonging to the Malir Development Authority (MDA), according to media reports on Monday.

A recent report reveals that 16 illegal goths (villages) have been established on government land in the Taiser Town area, located near Scheme 45. The land, valued at billions of rupees, remains under the control of illegal occupants, with authorities unable to reclaim the property. Among the illegally established goths are Rozi Goth, Razi Goth, and Muhammad Goth, while others, such as Dad Mohammad Goth, are also unlawfully occupying MDA land. Despite several anti-encroachment operations, MDA officials have reported limited success in dismantling the settlements due to the influence of the land mafia. Efforts to reclaim the encroached land are ongoing, but the situation continues to present a significant challenge for local authorities.—RT/Agency

**Prison Break Shock! Inmate Makes Daring Escape Through Toilet Window In Malir Jail**



KARACHI: In a bizarre incident, a prisoner at Malir jail escaped through a toilet window, according to reports on Monday. Jail authorities revealed that the convict, Muhammad Javed, managed to flee by cutting through the bathroom window and using a bedsheet as a rope to scale the wall. Javed, who was serving time in barrack number 5 for a rape conviction, escaped, prompting immediate action by the authorities. Seven jail personnel from Malir were arrested in Shah Latif area for negligence in connection with the escape. A case of negligence is being registered against the jail staff, and officials have recommended filing charges against both the escaped prisoner and eight on-duty personnel. In a similar incident in April 2022, another prisoner, who was under treatment at Karachi's services hospital, escaped through a bathroom. The prisoner, charged with drug dealing, was being treated in ward 2 at the time of his escape.—RT/Agency

**Crackdown Intensifies Deputy Commissioners Empowered To Enforce Colonial Section 144**

LAHORE: Punjab government has transferred powers of imposing Section 144 to the deputy commissioners, media reported on Monday. The powers were handed over to the deputy commissioners after an amendment in the Punjab Code of Criminal Procedures 1898 by the government. According to the gazette notification, the deputy commissioners can enforce Section 144 for 30 days, while the secretary home has been entitled to impose Section 144 for 90 days. The notification further said the right to impose Section 144 for over 90 days will remain with the provincial cabinet. Section 144 of Pakistan allows the government to prohibit various forms of political assemblies, gatherings, sit-ins, rallies, demonstrations, and similar activities for a specified period. The government puts a complete restriction on traffic as well. Markets, schools, colleges and offices remain closed under the curfew and only essential services are allowed to run on prior notice.—RT/Agency

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**Chaos In PPP! Senior Party Workers Protest After Being Brutally Tortured By Colleagues**

By Asif Qureshi  
KARACHI: Senior PPP leaders have been subjected to violence in Karachi, prompting the leadership of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in Karachi and Korangi to express their dissatisfaction. They warned that if no notice is taken of the assaults on senior workers, they

will approach the courts. The leaders including Sardar Hafeezullah Noonari and Rafiq Qureshi, revealed that they were subjected to torture by their own junior colleagues. The assault left them bloodied and fleeing the scene. They emphasized that the level of violence experienced is unprecedented. Despite reporting the incident, officers from the Korangi police station reportedly refused to file complaints against the attackers, showing a lack of action against the criminal elements involved. The protesting PPP leaders demanded of the higher authorities and the Larry leadership to take notice of the matter and provide justice to them.

**Karachi's Battle Against Dengue: Citywide Fumigation Drive Launched Across 25 Towns**

KARACHI: In a decisive move to combat the spread of dengue, a comprehensive fumigation campaign has been initiated across Karachi's 25 Town Municipal Corporations (TMCs). The decision was made during a meeting chaired by Sindh Chief Secretary Asif Haider Shah and attended by senior officials, including the Commissioner of Karachi, Secretary Local Government, Deputy Com-

missioners, and the Municipal Commissioner. The anti-dengue fumigation efforts will target areas across the city, including key TMCs such as Saddar, Lyari, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Sohrab Goth, Jinnah, Safura, Chansar, Mominabad, Manghopir, and Orangi. Other areas like Shah Faisal, Korangi, Model Colony, Landhi, Baldia, Mairipur, Murdar Mahirbar, Gulberg, New Karachi, North Nazimabad, Liaquatabad, Nazimabad, Gadap, Malir, and Ibrahim Haidari will also be covered. The campaign aims to eliminate dengue larvae through extensive spray and fumigation operations, with the goal of curbing the spread of the disease and protecting public health. Chief Secretary Shah stressed the importance of the initiative in safeguarding the well-being of Karachi's residents.—RT/Agency

**Islamabad IG Summoned In High-Profile Case Of Missing Lawyer Intazar Panjutha**

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has summoned the Capital Police IG in personal capacity tomorrow in the PTT's missing lawyer Intazar Hussain Panjutha's recovery case. IHC Chief Justice Justice Aamer Farooq heard the case today and sought Intelligence Bureau's (IB) report on the recovery of Intazar Panjutha case. CJ inquired about any progress in the case. Lawyer Faisal Chaudhry responded that "they have received the footage and photographs, but no more progress." SHO informed them that they had contacted the court order, two front pictures found, which had been



handed over. A car was seen in footage at 5:02 hours and the cameras ahead were defective, we went to the Kala Chitta Airport but found nothing," SHO told the court. "You are mandated to investigate the matter, not them," Justice Farooq remarked. "Their request came to us, we are still looking into the matter," an IB officer said on the inquiry of the court about IB representative.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: Chairman of the Saman-e-Shifa Foundation, Prof. Dr. Shahid Noor, presents a shield to the CEO of TDAP, Zubair Motiwalla, at the 21st Annual Health Asia Expo. A group photo taken on the occasion features Dr. Fauzia Sadiq, Nadeem Mazhar, Dr. Suleman Alvi, Nadeem Khanani, Ihsan Khaliq, Saif-ur-Rehman Khattak, and others.—RT/Agency

**Sindh Food Authority Strikes! 12,000 Liters Of Toxic Cooking Oil Seized, 11 RO Plants Sealed**

KARACHI: The Sindh Food Authority (SFA) has confiscated 12,000 liters of unsafe cooking oil in Thatta and sealed 11 substandard Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants in Karachi during two major operations. In Thatta, SFA officials, led by Food Safety Officer Natasha alias Mariam, raided a distribution unit and seized the low-quality oil, intended

for sale under local brands and fined the unit Rs 500,000. In Karachi, inspections revealed serious violations at 11 RO plants, including microbial contamination and poor sanitation, leading to their immediate closure. The SFA pledged continued efforts to ensure food and water safety across the province.—RT/Agency

**Heartbreaking Tragedy Near Rawalpindi: Four Students Lose Lives As Van Plunges Off Cliff**

RAWALPINDI: A school van has fallen into a ravine near the Sahansia Bolar area in Rawalpindi, resulting in the deaths of four students. Official sources reported

that the incident claimed the lives of four students, while three others sustained injuries. The injured students were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. Rescue authorities stated that the tragic accident occurred last night while the students were traveling from Sahansia, Azad Kashmir, to Rawalpindi.—RT/Agency

# EDITORIAL

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## Stability at Last: The Path Forward for Pakistan

The recent passing of the 26th Constitutional Amendment marks a critical turning point for Pakistan. For over two years, the country has been marred by relentless political unrest, distracting from pressing economic and social issues. However, as the dust begins to settle, a much-needed respite is now on the horizon. The swift and decisive action of Parliament has signaled a new chapter, one that promises stability—a crucial factor for Pakistan's economic revival.

The bullish momentum observed at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) this week is a clear indication of renewed investor

confidence. Gaining over 800 points, the market's rally reflects optimism for political calm and economic growth. Mohammed



Sohail, chief executive of Topline Securities, aptly noted that the reduction in political noise has rejuvenated the market. With the economy now on a more stable footing, there is an opportunity for the country to focus on long-overdue structural reforms.

But this newfound stability must not be taken for granted. It is imperative that all

political actors exercise restraint and avoid the temptation to revert to divisive tactics. The 26th Amendment should serve as a foundation, not a flashpoint for future confrontations. Pakistan's economy, still reeling from past turmoil, needs time and stability to recover. Continued political bickering would only derail the progress made so far.

The nation stands at a crossroads. With stability within reach, the onus is on leaders from all sides to uphold this peace. Let this be a moment where Pakistan finally turns the page, embracing unity and collective progress over discord.

# THE HEARTLAND



## SMBBMU Hosts Seerat-un-Nabi (SAWW) Conference With Enthusiastic Crowds

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Shaheed Mohtama Benazir Bhutto (SMBB) Medical University, Larkana organizes a Seerat-un-Nabi(SAWW) Conference at the university. Addressing the conference, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nusrat Shah said, "We are indeed fortunate to have a Prophet like the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). He is not only a teacher and a leader but also a role model for all of humanity. His entire life is a lesson in patience, and his actions matched his words, something unparalleled in the history of the world.



Hussain Soomro

Principal of Chandka Medical College, Prof. Dr. Zamir Ahmad Soomro, said that the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) demonstrated through his life and character that there is none like him, nor will there ever be. His entire life is a perfect example for us. He taught us about women's rights, the rights of neighbors, the rights of teachers, and human rights. Mufti Abdul Qayyum Arain, Maulana Mohabbat Khuro and others also addressed the conference.

Other notable speakers at the event included Maulana Osama Halijvi, Prof. Shahid Jamal Siddiqui, and Director of Academics Dr. Shahid

Mahar, Prof. Rajab Dinari, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Shaikhi, Prof. Abdul Rauf Khaskheli, Vice Principal of Chandka Medical College Dr. Fozia Chandio, Dr. Masood Qureshi, Chief Librarian Mumtaz Ali Burro, Security Officer Sultan Ahmad Bhutto, Administrative Officer Waheed u Zaman, and others. Faculty members, officers, and a large number of students, including Sajjad Ahmed, actively participated in the event.

Among those in attendance were Prof. Asadullah

## Land Feud Drama: Senior Journalist Noor Nabi Mangi Demands Justice

By Ibrahim Farooqui

BADAH: Senior journalist and social media activist Noor Nabi Mangi, along with his innocent children, has protested at the press club in Badah against the illegal occupation of agricultural land and threats from the Chandio community's influential members. Mangi stated that for several years, influential members of the Chandio community have used armed force to seize their agricultural land on Rehmani Nagar Sita Road, issuing death threats that forced them to abandon their homes and return to Dokri. Despite multiple complaints to the district administration, no action has been taken.

He urged the Chief Justice of Pakistan, the Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court, the Chief Minister, and the Inspector General of Sindh to intervene, demanding the removal of the armed occupation and ensuring justice and protection for their rights.

## Zeeshan Asghar Palijo Snags Top Award As Best Innovative Teacher

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By Sajid Ali Janjaro

KETI BANDAR: Zeeshan Asghar Palijo, a highly respected educator and master trainer, has emerged as the top winner in the Best Teaching Practices Competition 2024 across Sindh province. He has been honored with the prestigious title of "Best Innovative Teacher" along with a significant cash prize for his outstanding

contributions to education. As the only male teacher representing District Thatta, Palijo stands out not only within his district but also as one of the few Pakistani educators holding a certified teaching license. His exceptional teaching methods and dedication to innovation in education have set a new standard for educators in the region.

## Advocate Nisar Ahmed Mugheri Applauds SSP Saddam Khaskheli's Brave Service

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Advocate Nisar Ahmed Mugheri, legal advisor to former caretaker Prime Minister Muhammad Mian Soomro, praised SSP Saddam Hussain Khaskheli, stating that his efforts have significantly improved law and order in Jacobabad. He expressed optimism that complete restoration of peace is achievable in the near future.



Mugheri noted that SSP Khaskheli has effectively controlled crime, particularly drug trafficking and smug-

gling. He suggested that recent protests in the city are led by elements who support criminal activities. Local business leaders and residents are reportedly satisfied with Khaskheli's performance and hopeful for sustained improvements in safety and security.

## Shock and Fear As Armed Robbers Target Police Vehicle In Jacobabad

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: A few unidentified assailants stole a police vehicle filled with weapons near Shikarpur, prompting immediate action from the SSP, who suspended three officers for negligence.



The provincial interior minister has also taken notice of the incident and ordered an investigation into the involved personnel. Details reveal that the vehicle contained 138 9mm pistols, 276 magazines, and a large quantity of ammunition.

SSP Sadaam Hussain Khaskheli announced the formation of a three-member committee led by the DSP to investigate the incident and ensure legal action against both the officers and their accomplices.

The investigation will address any negligence by police personnel and ensure legal action against both the officers and their accomplices. Following the robbery, police apprehended arms dealer Liaquat Ali in Balochistan, linked to the earlier seizure of a large arms shipment.

## New Leadership Takes Charge: Daharki Journalists Forum Elects Office-Bearers

By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: The annual elections for the Daharki Journalists Forum for 2024/2025 were conducted under the supervision of Election Committee Chairman Advocate Ramesh Kumar BM and senior journalist Gulzar Ahmed

Shar. In these elections, various positions were filled unopposed, while Abdullah Pir Bux Rajvi won the presidency and Lalchand Motwani secured the general secretary position after a competitive contest. Other elected officials include Syed Zahir Hussain Shah as senior vice president, Waseem Ali Malik as vice president, Mujahid Ali Bhayo as joint secretary, Shahdad Ali Rajpari as deputy joint secretary, Munawar Lal as information secretary, Hafiz Mohammad Zahid Rajvi as treasurer, and Ratan Lal as office secretary, all elected unopposed.

## Syed Arbab Ali Shah Seizes Victory As New President Of Sindh Syed Association JNA

By Dildar Samo

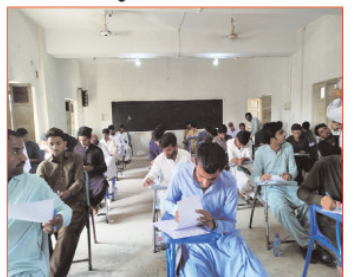
TANDO ADAM: The Sindh Syed Association held its election for the central president in the Jam Nawaz Ali taluka, where Syed Arbab

Ali Shah was elected President. The district president, Syed Gul Hassan Shah Kazmi, and General Secretary Syed Ghulam Mehdi Shah Kazmi were also part of the proceeding. Syed Mehdi Shah was elected as the General Secretary. The newly elected office-bearers took oath and announced their commitment to supporting the underprivileged and assisting the poor.

## Sindh University Lar Campus Badin Holds Pre-Entry Test

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The pre-entry test for admission to the bachelor's degree program for the 2025 academic year at Sindh University Lar Campus Badin was held on October 20, 2024, with 424 students participating. Among them, 293 were female students, and 131 took the test for Business Administration, Computer Science, Commerce, and English. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalilur Rehman Khambati visited the testing center, expressing satisfaction with the



test's quality and management. He highlighted the qualified teachers and education-friendly environment at Lar Campus Badin, where the qualified teachers are enhancing

# SPORTS



## Pakistan Stuns The World, Snatches Victory At US Scrabble Showdown



NEW YORK: Pakistani player Sohaib Sanauallah has secured another title for the country by winning the B Division of the Lake George Scrabble Tournament in New York, United States.

Sohaib showcased a remarkable performance, clinching victory in 14 out of 15 games to emerge as the champion.

The 22-year-old made his comeback to competitive Scrabble after a four-year hiatus following the completion of his education. However, the break had no impact on his game as he dominated the competition.

Sohaib not only won the B Division title but also claimed the award for the highest single move, scoring an impressive 163 points. He further demonstrated his excellence by achieving the

highest single-game score of 646 points, securing another accolade.

In the tournament, Neil Gaine finished second, while Justin Morris took third place. Sohaib's brother, Daniyal Sanauallah, also performed admirably, securing the fourth position.

A total of 174 players from various divisions participated in the prestigious Scrabble tournament, highlighting its competitive nature and international standing.

The outstanding performances by Pakistani players continue to prove that they are making their mark on the global Scrabble scene, demonstrating their mental prowess in this highly competitive game of words.—Agency

## Former Pakistan Star Tears Into Sufiyan Muqem Over Abhishek Sharma Taunt

LAHORE: Former Pakistan cricketer Basit Ali has openly criticized Shaheens young bowler Sufiyan Muqem for his behavior during a heated exchange with India A's Abhishek Sharma in the ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024.

The incident took place during a tense match at Al Amerat, where Muqem's sledging of Sharma sparked controversy on the field.

Basit Ali, speaking on his YouTube channel, expressed disappointment with Muqem's actions and stressed the importance of sportsmanship among cricketers.

He reprimanded the 18-year-old for his conduct, reminding him that his career was still in its early stages.

"The cricket was top-class, but one thing that really upset me was the incident involving Sufiyan Muqem and Abhishek Sharma. If I were sitting in the dugout or the team manager, I would have told Sufiyan, 'Son, pick up your things and go back.' You haven't even played proper cricket for Pakistan yet, and you're already using abusive language. What kind of behaviour is this?" Basit said.

The on-field spat occurred after Muqem dismissed Abhishek Sharma, who had scored 35 runs off 22 balls.

Muqem celebrated the wicket by making a "silence gesture" towards the Indian opener, triggering a verbal confrontation between the two players.

Umpires Chamara de Zoysa and Rahul Asher intervened to defuse the situation.

India A eventually secured a narrow 7-run victory, posting 183/8 in 20 overs and holding Pakistan A to 176/7.—Agency



Robert Lewandowski and Pablo Torre struck twice each as Barcelona hammered Sevilla 5-1 on Sunday to stay three points clear of Real Madrid at the top of La Liga ahead of next weekend's clash.

Los Blancos beat Celta Vigo on Saturday to pull level with Hansi Flick's side but Barca swiftly restored their advantage with a dominant display of attacking football.

Veteran striker Lewandowski reached 12 goals in 10 La Liga matches, his strikes sandwiching Pedro Gonzalez's effort from the edge of the box before substitute Torre added the fourth.

Stanis Dumbo grabbed a consolation for Sevilla in the final stages but Francisco Garcia Pimentia's side were roundly beaten on his return to the club he spent nearly three decades in various roles.

Torre finished the rout with a crossed free-kick which flew beyond Nyland and in at the far post.

"(It was) very important, given the games ahead, but this was an important game (too) and we got the three points," Pedro told Movistar.

"Just before the game, the coach said the space was just outside the area and I had the luck (to score)."

Despite upcoming clashes against Bayern Munich in the Champions League and Saturday's visit to the Santiago Bernabeu, Flick started arguably his strongest fit and available side.

The coach was able to name Dani Olmo, Ferrn Lopez and Gavi on the bench after injury, the latter sidelined since November 2023 following a knee operation.

Ansu Fati started for the first time this season after Eric Garcia felt discomfort in the warm-up, with Raphinha shifting into a central attacking midfield position.

Lamine Yamal, starting after recovering from a minor hamstring strain which saw Spain release him from international duty early, curled off target early on after a sprightly burst past two Sevilla players.

The Catalans took the lead when Raphinha went down in the box under light contact from Peque, a former Barca youth player, and the referee pointed to the spot.

Robert Lewandowski, stuttering in his run-up, sent Sevilla goalkeeper Orjan Nyland the wrong way to fire Barca ahead.

The 36-year-old striker is enjoying a second wind under Flick and leads Spain's scoring charts with 12 strikes in 10 matches, twice as many as any other player.—Agency

## Neymar Fights Back Tears, Readies For Dramatic Al Hilal Comeback

Brazilian footballer Neymar recently said that he "suffered every day" that he was away from the football field as he prepares to make his long-awaited return to Saudi Arabia's leading football club, Al Hilal, after his injury.

The 32-year-old footballer broke down in tears as he discussed being stuck on the sidelines as he witnessed his team thrive at the top of the Saudi Pro League leaderboard during his 12-month injury nightmare, Goal reported.

The former Paris Saint-Germain star was forced to step back soon after joining the Riyadh-based club in 2023 as part of a two-year deal, after suffering a knee injury while on 2026 World Cup qualifying duty in October 2023.

Discussing his epic journey back to full fitness with the NR Sports YouTube channel, a tearful Neymar said: "I felt a huge pain. In that moment I already knew it was serious. What I want most in life is to play football."

"I have suffered every day I've been away from the pitch. This is what hurts me the most. I am focused on the most important people in my life, my family and friends, and football. I have risen every time I have been injured. But I don't return halfway."

Neymar's remarks shut down questions that were raised about his future while he was on the treatment table, suggesting that his time in the Middle East could be cut short.

After stepping back into full training, Neymar has been included in Al Hilal's squad for an AFC Champions League trip to Al Ain.

While Neymar's contract is only due to run until the summer of 2025, there is an extension option within those terms that could keep him in Riyadh for another year.—Agency



## Lewandowski Strikes Twice Barcelona's Goal Machine Destroys Sevilla In Thrilling Win

South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada made history during the first Test against Bangladesh, surpassing Pakistan's legendary pacer Waqar Younis to become the fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets by deliveries bowled.

Rabada achieved the milestone with just 11,817 deliveries, beating Waqar's record of 12,602.

The milestone came as Rabada dismissed Bangladesh's wicket-keeper-batsman Mushfiqur Rahim, who scored 11 runs, on the opening day of the Test series.

Bangladesh struggled significantly, collapsing for just 106 runs, with only Mahmudul Hasan Joy managing a top score of 30.

Rabada, alongside Wiaan Mulder and Keshav Maharaj, dominated the Bangladesh batting order, each securing three wickets to put South Africa in control.

The day ended on a high note for the Proteas as Rabada etched his name into cricketing history with his record-breaking performance.

This Test series, marked by Rabada's achievement, is taking place amidst political unrest in Bangladesh following the ousting of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajid.

Notably absent from the series is all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, who had planned to play his final Test series at home but opted out due to security concerns stemming from the ongoing turmoil in the country.

Shakib, a member of parliament for the Awami League, has recently been implicated in a murder case linked to the protests, adding further complexity to the situation, each securing three



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Besides, having a discussion over the forthcoming event, the tenure of the ICC Chair and Independent Director positions were brought under consideration.

In regards to this, the ICC board suggested adjusting the terms to two to three-year periods. However, the final decision will be made after the ICC membership's approval.

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## Rabada Smashes Waqar Younis' Legendary Record, Cricket World Shocked



Pakistan Shaheens Dominate Oman With Epic Win At Emerging Asia Cup

AL-AMERAT: Pakistan Shaheens beat Oman by 74 runs in the seventh match of the Emerging Teams T20 Asia Cup here on Monday.

The Shaheens secured victory after scoring 185/5 in 20 overs and restricted the Jatinder Singh-led side to 111/7.

The match came to an end with Sufyan Mehmood (8\*) and Samay Shrivastav (2\*) on strike.

Jatinder Singh, the team captain kicked off the second innings and departed after scoring 24 runs off 29 balls, including two boundaries and one towering six.

Amir Kaleem, the other opening batter, was the first one who headed towards the pavilion after getting lbw by Qasim Akram on the second ball of fifth over.

He contributed 11 runs to the team total.

Coming in at number four, Wasim Ali top scored for Oman as they only managed 57 runs in the last 10 overs, finishing at 111-7 in 20 overs.

He made 28 runs off 31 deliveries with the help of two boundaries.

However, Ali was dismissed after Zaman Khan delivered the first ball of the 17th over.

Other players including Karan Sonavale, Hamad Mirza, Mehran Khan, and Mohammad Nadeem were not able to make worthy contributions with the bat for home side.

For Shaheens, Zaman Khan picked up 2-17 while Arafat Minhas, Mohammad Imran, Qasim Akram, Shahnawaz Dahani, Sufiyan Muqim picked up one wicket each.

Opting to bat first, Shaheens were helped by Qasim Akram (48), Rohail Nazir (41 not out), and Arafat Minhas (31 not out) to reach 185-5 in 20 overs.

At the start of the innings, the Shaheens experienced a collapse as Oman's Muzahir Raza jolted the opening pair of Mohammad Harris and Yasir Khan for three runs each to leave the Harris-led side 13-2 in just 2.4 overs.—Agency

## Pakistan Shaheens Dominate Oman With Epic Win At Emerging Asia Cup

Two Pakistan players were named in the squad for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy in 2025.

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## Kids' Corner



Name: Ghulam Ali Sarfaraz Abbasi  
Location: Larkana, Sindh  
About Me: I am a proud son who deeply loves and values my parents!  
Please email us your photo for our Model Watch and Kids' Corner section at regionaltimes10@gmail.com

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Dua Lipa Leaves Fans Heartbroken With Underwhelming Live Performance



"Why is Dua struggling here??" said one of the users, while another one agreed, adding, "Oh, she struggling," her vocal performance.

The Levitating hitmaker, who was performing along with Cher, as per METRO, kicked off the performance by herself, before she was joined by the 78-year-old singer.

The 29-year-old singer was seen singing Cher's 1998 hit song Believe during which her fans noted that she was "struggling" with the tone of the track.

"I love Dua and she can sing but her voice just doesn't suit this song," a user wrote with another fan adding, "I like Dua Lipa, but this was... not it."

On the work front, the singer will soon kick off her Radical Optimism Tour which is set to begin next month in support of her third studio album with the same name.

The tour will begin in Singapore on November 5, 2024, and is set to conclude in Seattle on October 16, 2025.

## Selena Gomez Turns Heads With Stunning Neutral Ensemble At 'Emilia Perez' Premiere



Selena Gomez recently nailed a stunning head-to-toe neutral look for the screening of her upcoming film Emilia Perez.

Gomez along with her costar Zoe Saldana attended the forthcoming movie's special screening, which was hosted by BAFTA at Harmony Gold located in Los Angeles.

For the event, the 32-year-old actress donned a black business-casual themed dress.

The singer-actress, who chopped off her medium-length hair into a choppy lob opted for black stockings and heels.

Her co-star Saldana on other hand, wore a floor length gray body-con dress.

The 46-year-old actress accessorized the attire with layered gold necklaces.

Emilia Perez centres on a disgruntled lawyer, played by Saldana, who helps an escaped Mexican cartel leader undergo sex reassignment surgery to evade authorities and affirm her gender.

In the movie, Gomez transforms into Jessi Del Monte, a blazing cartel member's wife and mother.

The musical film also stars Karla Sofia Gascon, Adriana Paz, Edgar Ramirez and Mark Ivanir.

The Gomez starrer, which premiered on 18 May 2024 at the 77th Cannes Film Festival, will be released on Netflix on November 13, 2024.

# THE HEARTLAND



## Angry Crowds Demand Action: Protest Erupts Over Sale Of Substandard Milk, Fertilizer, And Seeds In Jacobabad

**By Muhammed Ali Surhio**

JACOBABAD: In Jacobabad, the Labor Citizen Alliance, led by Chairman Haji Ghulam Nabi Rind, Tariq Rind, Wazir Ali Pirzado, Rahim Brohi, Parvez Mugheri, Santosh Kumar, and others, organized a protest rally from Shaheed Allah Bux Soomro Park to DC Chowk. During the protest, the leaders spoke out against the sale of adulterated milk, fake seeds, and fertilizers, stating that chemical-laced milk is being sold openly, resulting in numerous residents suffering from stomach and skin diseases. They criticized the administration for allowing the chemical mafia to operate freely, as large drums and steel tankers are brought in and sold at various locations in the city. The protesters accused administrative officials of colluding with these mafias, which prevents action against those selling chemical milk. Furthermore, they highlighted that the sale of substandard fertilizers and seeds is devastating agricultural lands, significantly impacting farmers. They urged authorities to take action against those selling chemical-laced milk and counterfeit seeds and fertilizers to protect agricultural lands from further destruction.

## DC Rushes To Village After Shocking Polio Case Emerges



**By Khuda Dino Kachhai**

SANGHAR: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Imranul Hasan Khawaja visited the village of Bhairo in Union Council Kamb Darhon after a positive polio case was reported. He examined the 7-year-old girl named Sahiba Ishaq Rind, who tested positive for the virus. During the visit, Dr. Khawaja noted that while the case is positive, the girl's health is perfectly fine. He also reviewed records from Baqir Nazamani, which indicated that Ishaq's daughter, Jamila, aged 13 months, is facing weakness in her right leg, although her report is negative.

## Police Crackdown! Tando Allahyar Police Reveal Six-Month Performance Report

**By Afaq Khanzada**

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Under the directives of DIGP Hyderabad Range, Tariq Razaq Dhahejo, and in accordance with the orders of SSP Tando Allahyar, Abrez Ali Abbasi, the district police have intensified actions against habitual offenders, illicit liquor, gutka, and mainpuri over the past six months. From April 11, 2024, to October 15, 2024, the Tando Allahyar District Police reported the impressive achievements. A total of 842 suspects were arrested, including 12,380 mawa gutkas, 39,385 mainpuri, 12,380 mawa gutkas, 39,385 mainpuri, 2 four-wheelers and 36 illicit drug dealers, criminals, leading to the registration of 514 cases. The confiscated items included 54 kg of cannabis, 9,427 kg of raw materials, 333,850 Indian Safina gutkas, 6,943 liters of illicit liquor, 571 grams of ice/heroine, 12,380 mawa gutkas, 39,385 mainpuri, 2 four-wheelers and 36 illicit drug dealers, criminals, leading to the registration of 514 cases.

## DEO Abdul Sami Bhanbhro Visits GBHS Gadeji

**By Sajjad Chang**

HINGORJA: The District Education Officer (Secondary) Khaipur, Abdul Sami Bhanbhro, unexpectedly visited Government Boys High School Gadeji, where he also attended the school assembly. The headmaster was present, but five teachers were absent, leading to the issuance of show-cause notices. During the visit, DEO Bhanbhro assessed the performance of students and teachers, checked the school's records and infrastructure, and interacted with students to encourage them. He expressed his commitment to ensuring teacher attendance across all district schools and stated that actions would be taken against those who remain absent.



## CIA Police Bust Illegal Liquor Ring, Two Arrested In Umerkot Raid



**By Muhammad Bachal**

UMERKOT: The CIA police in Umerkot conducted two separate raids on local distilleries, apprehending suspects Molchand Kolhi and Prakash Kolhi for producing and selling illicit liquor. Over 270 liters of homemade liquor were recovered from the locations. Cases have been registered against both suspects at Umerkot City Police Station under the Hadood Ordinance. In a separate operation, the police at Chhor Police Station arrested Ashok Kumar Meghwar and seized 11 bottles of whiskey, leading to the registration of a case under the Hadood Ordinance.

## Thieves Clean Out Transporter's Home In Daring Heist

**By Bashir Ahmed Shaikh**

HANDIARI: A wave of unrest has erupted in Thari Mirwarh after unknown thieves broke into the home of renowned transporter Sikandar Ali Janjari, making off with millions in cash and gold. The homeowner reported that they had left for a wedding, leaving the house during which the culprits took a chance to loot valuables. They demanded recovery of the looted valuables.

## Family Feud Explodes: Father Protests Son's Shocking Threat To Wife

**By Naz Solangi**

KUMB: The residents of the nearby village of Koral Shah, led by Niaz Ali Shaikh, protested against his disobedient son, Riaz Hussain Shaikh. Niaz Ali claimed that his son intends to kill his wife, accusing her of having illicit relations with his own son. He called on the DIG Sukkur, SSP Khaipur, and SHO Kumb to take action, stating that his life and the lives of his other children are in danger, and demanded Riyaz's arrest. Niaz's other sons, Fayaz Ali, Aijaz Ali, and Ayaz Ali, expressed their fear for their safety, requesting protection and declaring their permanent disassociation from their brother, Riaz Hussain.

## Umerkot's Leaders Applauded For Outstanding Service

**By Muhammad Bachal**

UMERKOT: In Umerkot, the candidate for the NA-213 constituency is tirelessly engaged in serving the public, focusing on development projects. Work is ongoing on the construction of pure block roads in Kunri, including in the market area and around the Krishna Mandir. It is expected that pure blocks will be laid in every street of Kunri in the coming days. The residents of Kunri have expressed their happiness over the positive actions of their representatives, including NA-213 Member of the National Assembly Nawab Muhammad Yousif Talpur, PS-51 MPA Nawabzada Muhammad Taimoor Talpur and Kunri Chairman Haji Shakil Ahmed Bajwa.



## Outrage! Machhi Women Take To Streets Over Arrest Of Innocent Laborer

**Nawab Wali Muhammad**

MACHHI: The women residents of village Khuda Bux Machhi staged a protest outside the press club against police excesses. During the demonstration, Ms. Sahiba Machhi and Ms. Gulpari Machhi voiced their concerns, stating that laborer Javed Ali Machhi was summoned by the Nawab Wali Muhammad police and falsely implicated in a drug case. Gulpari Machhi explained that the arrested man is a laborer. On the occasion, the protesters demanded of the higher authorities to take notice of the matter and provide justice to them, otherwise they have announced to widen their protest.—RT



## Water Crisis Alert: JSQP Hosts Urgent Conference In Hyderabad

**By GM Chandio**

HYDERABAD: The Jeay Sindh Qaumi Party held a water conference in Hyderabad with leaders from various nationalist parties. Protests against the construction of six canals on the Indus River were emphasized, with a collective effort against dams and canals agreed upon. The Jeay Sindh Qaumi Party announced a hunger strike in Karachi on November 3. Leaders condemned the new canals as a coalition between the federal government and the PPP, asserting their commitment to protect the river. Resolutions were passed demanding the withdrawal of the new canals and dams, repealing amendments in the IRSA Act, freeing missing activists, and arresting those responsible for Dr. Shahnawaz's extrajudicial killing.

# NATIONAL

## ICT Police Nab Female Suspect In Major Fraud Bust, Seize Stolen Gold

**ISLAMABAD:** Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police, Women police station arrested a lady accused involvement in fraudulent activities and recovered gold ornaments from her possession. He said the accused was identified as Mariam Bibi. The police team also recovered gold ornaments from her possession, he added. He said case was registered against the nab accused and further investigation is underway. DIG Syed Ali Raza, said that the ICT Police is actively working to ensure the safety of citizens' lives and property in the federal capital, emphasizing that no elements will be allowed to disrupt citizens' peace. Protecting the lives, property, and dignity of citizens is the Islamabad Police's top priority, DIG added. Citizens are urged to report any suspicious activities to the relevant police station, emergency helpline "Pukar-15," or via the "ICT 15" app to help make the city crime-free through cooperation between the police and the public.—RT/Agency

## High-Stakes Drama: SHC Delves Deep into The Chilling Murder Case Of Dr. Shahnawaz Kunbhar

**MIRPURKHAS:** The Sindh High Court has rejected the petitions filed by Pir Umar Jan Sarhandi and the police in the Dr. Shahnawaz case, while upholding the FIR submitted by the heirs. The court has also ordered the investigation to be transferred from the police to the FIA, which will be monitored by the National Human Rights Commission. During the hearing, the lawyers for Dr. Shahnawaz's heirs and the opposing party presented their arguments. The High Court questioned the police regarding the failure to arrest the main accused, former DIG Mirpurkhas Javed Sanhoro Jiskani and SSP Chaudhry Asad. The court ordered the investigation to be conducted under the supervision of the Sindh Human Rights Commission and advised that Rangers' assistance be sought at the request of the victim's heirs. During a press conference, the lawyers for the victim's family stated that today's decision is in favor of Dr. Shahnawaz's heirs, and it will reveal the underlying reasons for the incident, leading to justice for the deceased.—RT

## Surprise School Visit By TEO Abdul Qayoom Soomro Sparks Reactions In Shahdadt Kot

**SHAHDADKOT:** Taluka Education Officer (Male Secondary) Abdul Qayoom Soomro recently visited Government Provincial High School, where he inspected various classes and gathered information from students about different subjects, courses, and available textbooks. He engaged students in Q&A sessions and reviewed completed assignments in their fair books. Afterward, Soomro held a meeting with teachers, emphasizing the need to focus on student attendance and enrollment. He highlighted the importance of completing the curriculum on time and expressed satisfaction with student attendance and subject assignments.—RT



## Sessions Judge Manwar Sultana Inspects Gambat's Judicial Complex

**By Hafeez Mallah**

GAMBAT: Sessions Judge Madam Manwar Sultana visited the Judicial Complex in Gambat, conducting the annual inspection of five courts. She reviewed the ongoing cases for 2024 in the Additional Court, Senior Civil Court, Second Civil Court, First Magistrate Court, and Third Civil Court. During her visit, she also inspected the Gambat sub-jail, met with inmates, and addressed their complaints, issuing immediate instructions for resolution. Additionally, she inaugurated a dispensary established for lawyers and engaged with judges and attorneys at the Gambat Bar.



## Abdul Kabir Kazi: A visionary leader who's transforming Education

**By Awesaar Sehaj Banbhan**

At just 27, I have a lifelong connection to the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), thanks to my father's involvement. Growing up in an environment focused on education, I learned the importance of providing quality learning to the children of Sindh. My father's passion for the cause, paired with Abdul Kabir Kazi's transformative leadership, has left an indelible mark on me. Kazi, a humble and visionary leader, has played a crucial role in elevating Sindh's educational landscape. His commitment to serving the most vulnerable communities stems from his deep-rooted family tradition of public service. With over 3,000 SEF schools reaching underserved areas, Kazi's leadership has provided education to over a million children, supported thousands of teachers, and created life-changing opportunities for students. Under Kazi, SEF has launched successful initiatives like the Sindh School Education Scholarship Program and introduced technology-driven learning through partnerships with EdTech companies. His leadership is driven by a genuine desire to uplift communities, ensuring education is accessible to every child, regardless of background. Kazi's vision for Sindh's future is one of hope and empowerment, shaping the region through education and creating a legacy that will inspire generations. His journey exemplifies the true essence of leadership: service to others.



## DC Sukkur To Host Open Katchery In Pano Aqil Amid Public Anticipation

**By Absar Alvi**

SUKKUR: The Deputy Commissioner Sukkur Dr. MB Raja Dharejo, has announced an open katchery to address public grievances in Pano Aqil, Sukkur today. The session, scheduled for 1:00 pm at the Municipal Committee Hall, Pano Aqil, aims to provide a platform for citizens to resolve their issues related to various sectors including police, health, education, public health, municipal services, revenue, SIDA, irrigation, SEPCO, food, Sindh small industries, agriculture, local government and other federal as well as provincial departments. Citizens of Pano Aqil are encouraged to attend and avail this opportunity to resolve their issues. Officials from all participating departments are directed to ensure their presence. This initiative demonstrates the government's commitment to public service and transparency. By providing a platform for citizens to voice their concerns, Deputy Commissioner's office aims to address grievances efficiently and effectively.



# METRO KARACHI



## Murad Demands Fast-Track Approval Of Rs75.639 Billion Worth Development Schemes For Karachi

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed the Planning and Development Department to fast-track the approval of 162 development schemes totaling Rs75.639 billion, part of a broader Rs187.3 billion development initiative for Karachi. These projects, with an allocation of Rs14.8 billion for the 2024-25 financial year, aim for completion by the next fiscal year.



During a recent meeting at CM House, attended by key officials including Minister P&D and Energy Nasir Shah and Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, CM Shah stressed the urgency of commencing work on these initiatives. The development portfolio encompasses Rs76.952 billion for 988 schemes under the provincial

Annual Development Program (ADP), Rs103.051 billion for the District ADP. Currently, 346 of the 988 schemes are fully funded and expected to be completed by June 2025, with 826 schemes valued at Rs269.243 billion actively under progress. However, 162 schemes remain pending approval, prompting CM Shah to instruct Minister P&D Nasir Shah to expedite

the process. The meeting also highlighted six significant foreign-funded projects, including the World Bank-assisted CHICK project and the BRT Yellow and RED Line projects, collectively valued at Rs403.981 billion. CM Shah reiterated the need for all departments to effectively utilize allocated funds to secure additional resources for future development efforts.

## Big Money Move! UAE Investors Eyeing Major Investments In Sindh's Energy Sector, Says Nasir Shah



KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah met with United Arab Emirates Consul General Bakht Atiq Al Kumeiri at the Energy Department office today to discuss potential investments in the energy sector and other mutual interests.

During the meeting, Minister Shah highlighted the abundance of natural resources in Sindh's energy sector, emphasizing its attractiveness for foreign investment. He pointed out the immense potential of alternative energy sources, including a 55,000 MW wind corridor, 500 MW from waste-to-energy projects, and 100 MW from bagasse, along with a hydropower generation capacity of 130 MW. Currently, 3,000 MW of electricity is being produced from Thar coal and

## Revolutionizing Education! Artificial Intelligence Lab Inaugurated At Sindh Madressatul Islam University

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: The Sindh Higher Education Commission (SHEC) Chairman Dr. Tariq Rafi, alongside Dr. Muejeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), inaugurated an Artificial Intelligence Computing Lab at SMIU's I.T. Tower on Monday. Funded by SHEC under its Laboratory Strengthening Program, the lab aims to provide hands-on experience with cutting-edge AI technologies for final-year and postgraduate students.

In his address, Dr. Rafi emphasized SHEC's commitment to equipping Sindh's universities with advanced IT facilities. He acknowledged SMIU's unique historical significance, being linked to Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and pledged further support for the lab's expansion, including training for department heads on financial and administrative matters.

Dr. Rafi praised Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah for his ongoing support of higher education, stating that the chief minister understands the needs of educational institutions and

has always backed SHEC's initiatives. Dr. Muejeeb Sahrai stressed the importance of developing AI labs to meet current academic and research demands, noting that AI is revolutionizing various fields. He expressed gratitude for SHEC's support in enhancing SMIU's academic and research capabilities. The inauguration session was attended by deans, academic department heads, faculty, and administrative staff, with Syeda Wajiha Naim from the Department of Software Engineering conducting the proceedings.

## Energy Task Force Getting Tough On Electricity Theft, Declares Nasir Shah

KARACHI: Sindh Provincial Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has called for strict action against officials within the Energy Department, government employees, and distribution company representatives involved in electricity theft.



In a meeting at the Energy Department with Aqel Ahmed Junjho, head of the task force established under his direction, Minister Shah emphasized the need to eliminate electricity theft and bogus billing. The task force reported significant instances of fraudulent billing and theft in SEPCO areas where the Sindh government covers electricity costs, leading to substantial monthly losses. Expressing his dissatisfaction, Shah instructed Secretary Energy Mosaadegh Ahmed Khan to take immediate departmental action, in-

cluding suspensions of implicated officials. He also directed that letters be sent to the heads of HESCO and other relevant organizations using government electricity, demanding accountability and action against those involved. The Energy Minister urged all government institutions to implement measures to prevent electricity theft in their facilities and residential

areas, ensuring the installation of proper electricity meters. He reiterated that the government would no longer cover bogus or stolen electricity bills. Minister Shah commended the task force's efforts and pledged government support for its continued operations to combat the ongoing financial losses faced by the Sindh government.—RT

## CEO Club Pakistan Summit 2024: Atif Iqbal Shines, Wins Prestigious CEO Lifestyle Award In Bali



KARACHI: The CEO Club Pakistan Summit 2024, held in Bali, Indonesia, recognized top CEOs from various industries for their remarkable contributions. Atif Iqbal, CEO of High-Q Pharma, was awarded the prestigious CEO Lifestyle Award, presented by Dr. I Wayan Sernalah, Governor of Bali's Special Assistant for Economic Affairs, and H.E. Rahmat Hindriarta Kusuma, Charge d'Affaires of the Indonesian Embassy in Islamabad. Organized by CEO Club Pakistan under the leadership of Ijaz Nisar, the summit brought together industry leaders to celebrate excellence in business. While accepting the award, Atif Iqbal expressed his gratitude, dedicating the recognition to the hard work of his team and thanking the Indonesian Embassy for their support. The event emphasized the significance of such platforms in encouraging industry growth and recognizing outstanding leadership. The CEO Club Pakistan Summit aims to inspire continued innovation and business excellence on a global scale.—RT

## Karachi Bar Sounds Alarm! Rejects 26th Amendment, Warns Judicial Independence Under Threat

KARACHI: The Karachi Bar Association (KBA) has strongly rejected Pakistan's 26th Constitutional Amendment, condemning its passage as undemocratic. Aamir Nawaz Warraich, the association's president, criticized the process, describing it as "non-transparent" and lacking proper debate.



In a statement, Warraich acknowledged parliament's authority to amend the Constitution but called the manner in which it was done "a blemish on democracy." He also condemned the decision to bypass Justice Mansoor Ali Shah for the position of chief justice, demanding immediate issuance of his appointment notification.

Warraich expressed grave concerns over the increased political influence in the Judicial Commission, warning that it threatens the independence of the judiciary and could limit access to justice for the public. He further raised alarms over Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa's involvement in judicial appointments just days before his retirement, suggesting that such moves might result in the appointment of judges with pro-executive biases.

The KBA reaffirmed its commitment to defending the independence of the judiciary and urged authority to protect the integrity of the judicial system.—RT/Agency

## Malir Police Crack! Down Stolen And Snatched Mobile Phones Recovered In Major Sweep



KARACHI: Malir Police in Karachi has successfully recovered mobile phones that were snatched, stolen, or reported missing during various incidents and returned them to the affected citizens. A simple ceremony was held at the SSP Office in Malir where DSP Malir Abid Fazal Mahar was present. During

the event, DSP Abid Fazal Mahar spoke to the media, stating that under the special instructions of SSP Malir Kashif Afab Abbasi, various police stations conducted operations to recover mobile phones taken from citizens. During these operations, suspects involved in the snatching of mobile phones were also arrested, and the recovered devices were returned.

He further emphasized that the diligent efforts of Malir Police, combined with modern technological resources, played a significant role in locating these mobile phones. In total, more than 30 stolen and snatched mobile phones were returned to their original owners. The citizens expressed their gratitude to Malir Police upon receiving their mobile devices.

## Breaking Barriers! Sahibzadi Mahin Khan Joins PIDC Board Of Directors

KARACHI: The Government of Pakistan's Industries and Production Division has announced the appointment of Sahibzadi Mahin Khan as an Independent Director on the Board of Directors of Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) Private Limited.



Khan's inclusion on the board highlights a strong focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as vital elements in driving Pakistan's industrial growth. With her appointment, Sahibzadi Mahin Khan is expected to provide valuable expertise and fresh perspectives, further advancing PIDC's mission to foster industrial innovation and sustainable development across the country.—RT

## Pakistan's Bright Future: Seminar At World Economic Forum Showcases Investment Potential

KARACHI: The Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) and Pathfinder Group co-hosted a breakfast seminar titled "Promoting Pakistan's Image and Investment at the World Economic Forum in Davos," focusing on the importance of the PAKISTAN PAVILION at the upcoming WEF in January 2025.



The Pathfinder Group emphasized the significant opportunities for the Pakistani business community through the country's participation in Davos. Over the past 20 years, the PAKISTAN PAVILION has been instrumental in showcasing the nation's trade potential and attracting foreign investment. Collaborating at Davos, KCFR and Pathfinder Group have provided a platform for meaningful discussions on mutual interests and collaboration opportunities. Prof. Dr. Huma Baqai, Senior Vice Chairperson of KCFR and Rector of the Millennium Institute of Technology and Entrepreneurship (MITE), moderated the seminar and delivered an insightful presentation on the Davos environment and Pakistan's potential.

In her keynote address, KCFR Chairperson Ms. Nadira Panjwani highlighted Pakistan's untapped potential and its ability to attract substantial investment opportunities, particularly through the Sindh Investment Department (SID). The seminar featured a short video showcasing the growth.—RT

PAKISTAN BREAKFAST over two decades, starting with former President Pervez Musharraf as the first Chief Guest in 2004. The event concluded with insights from Ikram Sehgal, Patron-in-Chief of KCFR and Co-Chairman of the Pathfinder Group, who stressed the limitless possibilities available for businesses at Davos. Overall, the seminar served as a platform to enhance Pakistan's global image and promote strategic investment for economic growth.—RT

## Texpo 2024 Dazzles! Pakistan's Textile And Leather Industries Shine On Global Stage

KARACHI: Texpo 2024, organized by the Textile and Leather division of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), is set to be the premier event highlighting Pakistan's vibrant textile and leather industries. The expo will attract a diverse range of international stakeholders and industry leaders.



Event Details: Dates: October 23-25, 2024. Location: Expo Centre, Karachi. Expected Attendance: Foreign Delegates: 500+. Exhibitors: 270+. Corporate Visitors: 8,000+. Exhibitions: Over 270 exhibitors will showcase their latest products and innovations across six spacious halls, facilitating networking and collaboration. Fashion Show: A standout feature will be a fashion show featuring over 25 of Pakistan's leading designers, highlighting contemporary designs and traditional craftsmanship that reflect the country's rich textile heritage.

connections between local and international businesses, paving the way for partnerships and trade agreements. Seminars: Engaging sessions will explore current trends, technological advancements, and sustainable practices in the textile and leather sectors, equipping participants with valuable insights. Elevate Pakistan's textile and leather industries on the global stage.

The event will utilize social media, industry publications, and partnerships with trade organizations to maximize visibility. Influencers and media representatives will be engaged to cover the fashion show and exhibit's reach. Texpo 2024 promises to be a significant event that unites the best of Pakistan's textile and leather industries. With a vibrant array of exhibitors and an exciting fashion showcase, it aims to enhance the sector's global presence and drive future growth.—RT

## PSX Celebrates Exciting Listing Of BF Biosciences Limited



KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) held a gong ceremony to commemorate the listing of BF Biosciences Limited (BFBL), a pharmaceutical joint venture between Ferrozons Laboratories Ltd and Argentina's Bago Group. BFBL has positioned itself as a leader in Pakistan's biotech manufacturing sector, notably exporting biotech pharmaceuticals through the COVID-19 pandemic and producing treatments for cancer, chronic kidney disease (CKD), and Hepatitis C for both local and international markets.

The ceremony featured key figures, including Osman Khalid Waheed (CEO of Ferrozons Laboratories), Farhan Rafiq (COO of BF Biosciences), and Rallys Eduardo Pliauzer (Group Director, Bago Group). The event was graced by the Argentinean Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Sebastian Sayus. To enhance its production capabilities, BF Biosciences aimed to raise Rs 1.375 billion through the issuance of 25 million ordinary shares at a floor price of Rs 55 per share. The book-building process was highly successful, leading to a strike price of Rs 77 per share and an oversubscription of 3.4 times. Dr. Fakhara Rizwan from PSX highlighted the IPO's success as a significant milestone for the pharmaceutical sector. Mr. Pliauzer expressed pride in BF Biosciences as the first Bago affiliate to be publicly listed, while Mr. Waheed reflected on Ferrozons' long-standing commitment to affordable healthcare.

## CTD Sindh's High-Stakes Raid: Three Suspected TTP Terrorists Captured In Karachi's Sohrab Goth

KARACHI: The Sindh Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) arrested three suspected members of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Karachi's Sohrab Goth area on Monday.



According to a CTD spokesperson, during interrogation, the suspects confessed that they had been directed by the TTP to carry out attacks on police forces in Karachi. The arrested individuals were identified as Farhad, Haji Rehman, and Muhammad Saqcher, with further investigations underway. The CTD recovered three pistols and banned organiza-

tion pamphlets from the suspects, with the firearms set to undergo forensic analysis. In June, the TTP had claimed responsibility for an attack in Sohrab Goth that left Police Constable Muhammad Yasin dead and PC Salmaan Abbas injured. Meanwhile, the Punjab CTD arrested seven terrorists during 129 intelligence-based operations conducted on Saturday. Pakistan has witnessed a surge in terrorist activity, with 59 incidents recorded in August compared to 38 in the previous month, according to data from the Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), an Islamabad-based think tank.—RT/Agency

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## Lockdown at Adiala: Prison Visits Banned Indefinitely Over Mysterious 'Security Threats'

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab government has once more extended the ban on meetings with prisoners at the Adiala jail, and this time indefinitely, citing security concerns, sources told media on Monday.

The sources said the ban will remain intact till further order. The jail authorities have extended the ban, on directive of the Punjab government, they said.

Earlier, the provincial government had prohibited prisoners from meeting visitors from October 4 to 18 and then the ban was extended by two more days.

Though the ban has apparently been extended due to security concerns for high-profile political prisoners — Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, his spouse Bushra Bibi, senior PTI leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi — but it equally applies to all the prisoners.



Last week, the Adiala jail authorities had rubbished the claims made by the PTI that ill-treatment meted out to the former prime minister, while revealing an exquisite menu of meals provided to Imran in the prison.

The menu was revealed after PTI Chairman Gohar Ali Khan mentioned about alleged mistreatment to Imran Khan, his spouse Bushra Bibi, senior PTI leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi — but it equally applies to all the prisoners.

all facilities, including uninterrupted electricity, proper meals and the opportunity to exercise regularly.

They said that a professional cook prepared his meals, which included a wide range of dishes to his taste.

"Khan's breakfast consists of coffee, chia seeds, beetroot juice, yoghurt, chapati, biscuits and dates. For lunch, he is served traditional curry, local chicken, porridge, coconut, coconut juice and grapes, all prepared under the supervision of an assistant superintendent."

"His food is prepared according to his choices and under strict supervision," the statement read, dismissing claims made during the press conference by the PTI leaders.

Commenting on his health, the authorities said

that the former prime minister, who has been imprisoned since last year, was examined thrice a day by an in-house doctor and the fresh medical tests confirmed he was in healthy and active. Doctors of the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital too conducted a medical examination and confirmed his well-being two days ago.

Imran is also provided with daily newspapers and exercises for two hours each day, the officials said. They refuted the claims of isolation, stressing that security arrangements in B-Class are thorough and complete.

The authorities termed the news doing rounds on social media and within political circles about Imran's alleged mistreatment as "baseless". They said that the PTI founder's conditions complied with all legal requirements —RT/Agency

## Victory Lap: Tarar Declares 26th Amendment A 'Win For Democracy'

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage, and Culture, Attaullah Tarar, on Monday hailed the passage of the 26th constitutional amendment as a victory for democracy, one that will be etched in history.

"The approval of the 26th constitutional amendment marks a significant milestone in Pakistan's history," a new dawn has begun," the information minister stated.

He emphasized that the amendment would bring greater stability to Pakistan's constitutional and legal framework.



have emerged victorious," he said.

The minister noted that the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah laid the foundation for constitutional thought in Pakistan. "History will confirm that this constitutional amendment is in the best interest of the people," he asserted.

The amendment, according to Tarar, will eliminate obstacles to the swift delivery of justice. He stressed that politics requires flexibility, and there is no place for stubbornness. "Today, the people of Pakistan, the state, and democracy

have emerged victorious," he said.

He further explained that the approval of the constitutional amendment fulfills the democratic agenda, reinforcing the rule of law and the supremacy of the Constitution in Pakistan. The amendment is also expected to introduce greater transparency in the judicial appointment process and the evaluation of judges' performance. "Parliament will now be empowered to function as the supreme institution, in line with the spirit of the 1973 Constitution," Tarar concluded —RT/Agency

## PTI's Legal Gamble Fizzles Out: SC Shuts Down Internal Polls Plea

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court dismissed Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) plea on the matter of its internal polls after the party refused to proceed with the case in the light of the 26th Constitutional Amendment on Monday.

The coalition government passed the contentious constitutional package in the National Assembly during the pre-dawn hours on Monday, after successfully steering the 26th Amendment Bill, 2024, through the Senate.

The judicial reforms came into force later today after President Asif Ali Zardari signed the bill into law on the advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

A three-member bench, headed by CJP Qazi Faez Isa, and comprising Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Musarrat Hissain, was hearing the PTI's plea to review its judgement on its intra-party election.

On January 13, the bench unanimously nullified the judgement of the Peshawar High Court (PHC), while upholding the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) decision declaring PTI's intra-party polls "unconstitutional".

During today's hearing,



PTI's lawyer Hamid Khan filed a petition for the formation of a larger bench to hear the review petition.

Upon being asked about the reason for this request, the lawyer suggested the court see a past verdict by a 13-member bench in a Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) vs Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) case.

At this, CJP Isa objected that it was a different case. He asked why didn't PTI want to give the arguments.

"Say what you want of saying it on the television behind my back," the top judge remarked.

Responding to the remark, the PTI lawyer said that he cannot present the arguments against "an extremely biased person".

CJP Isa remarked that the petition being heard did not mention this aspect.

## ICJ Slams 26th Amendment As Major Blow To Pakistan's Judicial Independence



ISLAMABAD: The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) has described the passage of 26th Constitutional Amendment as a blow to judicial independence, the rule of law, and human rights protection in Pakistan.

In a statement issued on Monday, the ICJ Secretary General Santiago Canton said, "These changes bring an extraordinary level of political influence over the process of judicial appointments and the judiciary's administration."

"They erode the judiciary's capacity to independently and effectively function as a check against excesses by other branches of the State and protect human rights."

"It is alarming a Constitutional Amendment of great significance and public interest was passed in such a secretive manner and in less than 24 hours."

"The core principle of the rule of law and the separation of powers according to which citizens and their freely chosen representatives have the right to participate in the legislative process cul-

minating in the adoption and enactment of laws was flagrantly violated in this case," added Canton.

The ICJ is particularly concerned about the following changes introduced by the 26th Constitutional Amendment since they seriously undermine the independence of the judiciary by unduly subjecting it to executive and Parliamentary control.

These amendments directly violate Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which guarantees the right to equality before courts and tribunals and to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by law.

"The ICJ understands that some reforms to the existing judicial system may have been needed to make the courts more efficient and accountable, and the judicial appointment process more transparent and inclusive," said Santiago Canton. —RT/Agency

## Pakistan's \$2 Billion Plea To IMF: More Climate Cash Needed

ISLAMABAD: The government of Pakistan is seeking an additional \$2 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to address the impacts of climate change, media reported citing sources.

According to sources, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb will make the request during the annual IMF meetings, scheduled to take place later this month.

This development came after Pakistan's initial request for climate financing was not immediately approved by the IMF, sources said.

Sources revealed that Pakistan has taken steps to address fiscal sustainability and mobilize revenue, including passing the FY24 budget, which advances a primary surplus of around 0.4 per cent of GDP. The government has also committed to ensuring a market-determined exchange rate and reducing inflation.

Furthermore, the Finance Minister will attend the IMF meetings alongside the Secretary of Finance and State Bank officials. The meetings are scheduled to conclude by October 26.

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## PTI's Zain Qureshi Breaks Silence: Disappearance Was A Family Secret

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Zain Qureshi said on Monday that he had disappeared on the orders of his father, senior party leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi, ruling out government pressure.

"I could never think of voting for this constitutional amendment," Zain said in a video statement as he debunked reports of him being in the National Assembly and backing the tweaks, calling it "baseless propaganda".

Zain further maintained that his father summoned him to Lahore, where he remains imprisoned in a different case. Qureshi, as quoted by his son, insisted against the approval of the constitutional amendment in any case.

"Misleading propaganda is being spread against me regarding my support for the constitutional amendment," he said.

He mentioned quitting politics if his meeting with a government official is proven. "[I] stand by party policy and



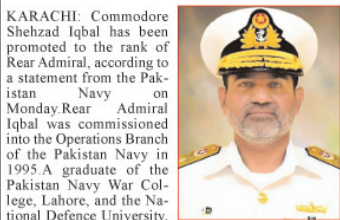
PTI founder," said the politician.

Commenting on her brother's disappearance taking to X on Sunday, Zain's sister, Meher Bano Qureshi, wrote that the family did not have any contact with the politico since the morning of October 16.

"We have been praying he is safe and underground. I now fear that he has been abducted. As a family, we have suffered threats, humiliation, abuse and many other such pressures for over a year, attempting to break our principles and ideology," she wrote.

The politician added, "For 15 months they have not been able to break my father, our

## Navy Shake-Up: Commodore Shehzad Iqbal Soars To Rear Admiral



KARACHI: Commodore Shehzad Iqbal has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral, according to a statement from the Pakistan Navy on Monday. Rear Admiral Iqbal was commissioned into the Operations Branch of the Pakistan Navy in 1995. A graduate of the Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore, and the National Defence University, Islamabad, Rear Admiral Iqbal has also earned a BSc in Naval Sciences from Karachi University and completed a Gunnery Officer Command Course in China. Throughout his distinguished career, he has held various command and staff appointments. These include serving as the Commanding Officer of PNS Saif, Commander of Jinnah Naval Base Ormara, and leading the 25th Destroyer Squadron of the Pakistan Navy. In addition

to his command roles, Rear Admiral Iqbal has served as Senior Staff Officer (Operations and Plans) at the Pakistan Fleet Headquarters, Director of Foreign Military Collaboration, Director of Naval Operational Plans, and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) at the Naval Headquarters. In recognition of his outstanding service, Rear Admiral Shehzad Iqbal has been awarded the Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Military) —RT/Agency



During their visit, the fellows will tour the Pakistan Centre of Excellence on Nuclear Security (PCENS), the Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science & Technology (PINSTECH), the Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF) in Wah Cantt, the Heavy Mechanical Complex (HMC) in Taxila, the National Centre for Physics (NCP), and the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS).

At PCENS, the participants will receive detailed briefings on Pakistan's nuclear safety and security architecture, regulatory frameworks, and the safeguards adopted in line with international standards, which have been

recognized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

At PINSTECH, they will observe the Pakistan Atomic Research Reactor and the peaceful applications of nuclear technology in health, industry, agriculture, food security, and power generation.

Established in 1978, the United Nations Programme of Disarmament is a prestigious programme of UNODA and offers valuable training and exposure to young professionals. Pakistan is hosting the international study tour for the UN Disarmament Fellows for the second time. —RT/Agency