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LARKANA: Assistant Commissioner Raja Khan Qureshi along with DHO Dr. Shaukat Ali Abro, DEO Primary Education Anis Rehman Jalbani, ADO Primary Education Irshad Magso and others are distributing certificates to lady health workers during a ceremony on the occasion of World Polio Day, which was organized by the district administration at the Begum Nusrat Bhutto auditorium Hall at Jinnah Bagh. -Photo By Nadeem Soomro

Journalists Protest Against Harassment Of Their Colleague In Setharja



By Azhar Ali Kubar

Journalists in Setharja have organized a protest against the harassment of their colleague, Hussain Bux Kubar. The demonstration included notable figures such as Ali Gul Kubar, Ashiq Hussain, Sajjad Ali Kubar, Arbab Sehto, Altaf Bhutto, Abdullah Sehto, Parvez Sehto, Sunil Ahmed, Abdul Mateen, Imdad Wali Lund, and Muhammad Juman. They were joined by community leaders like Rasool Bux Sehto and Maqsood Jagirani, all advocating for justice and support for Kubar.



LARKANA: A health worker is administering drops to a child during the ongoing anti-polio campaign on the occasion of World Polio Day. -Photo by Nadeem Soomro.

SACM Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar Distributes Sewing Machines To Empower Women

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A meaningful ceremony took place at the District Council Hall of Tando Muhammad Khan, where Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar, the Chairman of the District Council and Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh, led an initiative to distribute sewing machines to underprivileged and skilled women. This event aimed to empower women by providing them with the tools necessary to enhance their skills and generate income.



During the ceremony, free sewing machines were handed out to a number of deserving women, underscoring the ongoing efforts of the Pakistan People's Party to uplift the lives of the poor and disadvantaged. In his address, Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar reaffirmed the party's commitment to supporting marginalized communities, stating, "We will continue to stand by the poor and ensure they have access to opportunities for self-sufficiency."

Police Crackdown On Drug Dealers In Daulatpur



By Aijaz Johhio

DAULATPUR: In a decisive initiative to combat drug trafficking, the Daulatpur Police in the Shaheed Benazirabad district launched a significant crackdown on drug dealers, leading to the arrest of 12 suspects. Acting on the orders of SSP Tanveer Hussain Tunio, various police teams carried out coordinated operations throughout the area to address escalating drug-related issues.

DC Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan Inaugurates Free Medical Camp In Mirpurkhas

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: In a significant step toward enhancing healthcare accessibility for the underprivileged, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan inaugurated a free medical camp for women at the Dr. Drigo Mother and Child Health Center in Hamidpura Colony. During the inauguration, Dr. Khan emphasized the district administration's unwavering commitment to supporting health institutions and improving services for the local community.



The event featured speeches from notable figures, including UC Chairman Shafique Ahmed Khan and medical professionals from Bhitai College and Hospital. They collectively underscored the importance of humanitarian service and the need for quality healthcare in Mirpurkhas. Chairman Shafique Ahmed Khan took the opportunity to advocate for the enhancement of the health center's capabilities, envisioning its potential transformation into a larger hospital in the future.

Zahida Dahri Discusses Political Journey And Community Challenges

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Zahida Dahri, Vice President of Sindhyani Tehreek, recently shared her inspiring political journey and the pressing concerns facing the Sindhi community at a public event. Her story is one of resilience and dedication, shaped significantly by her early experiences. After the loss of her father at just seven years old, her maternal uncle, Muhammad Hashim Dahri, stepped in to support her family during a challenging time.



Throughout her journey, Zahida has consistently emphasized the critical role of education in empowering individuals and communities. She fondly recalled her mother's tireless efforts to provide for her and her siblings, reinforcing the idea that education is a fundamental right that can pave the way for a brighter future.

Zahida's political activism intensified following the death of her husband, Zafar Ayaz Dahri, in 2014. Despite facing threats from local feudal lords, she remained steadfast in her commitment to advocating for justice and equality. She strongly criticized the Sindh Police for their brutality during peaceful protests, asserting that the fight against extremism and for justice is not

Decapitated woman's body found in Tando Adam

By Mumtaz Ali Tahhim

TANDO ADAM: The police recovered the decapitated body of an unidentified woman near the Tando Adam branch on Shahdadpur Road. The authorities were informed, and the police arrived at the scene to transport the body to the Taluka Hospital for identification via an Edhi ambulance. The body was placed in the mortuary for identification purposes. According to police, the woman's head was severed, and she appeared to be around 25 years old. Efforts to identify her using biometric methods were unsuccessful due to the condition of the body. Consequently, the body was labeled as unknown and handed over to the Edhi Center.

Food Department's Negligence Leads To Spoilage Of Thousands Of Wheat Bags In Thul

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A shocking case of negligence by the local Food Department has resulted in the spoilage of thousands of wheat bags, raising serious concerns among residents and officials alike. The mishap occurred at a food center situated in a rice mill on Colleague Road, where thousands of purchased grain sacks were left exposed to the elements, leading to significant damage from recent rainfall.



Eyewitness reports indicate that the bags of wheat, which were meant to be stored securely, were carelessly abandoned without proper protection. The lack of oversight and maintenance has resulted in the deterioration of these essential supplies, which are crucial for local food security.

In an alarming development, it has come to light that the Food Department officials are now attempting to transfer the spoiled wheat bags to the Pipri warehouses in Karachi. Within just two days, 25,000 out of the 50,000 wheat sacks have already been moved, many of which were found to be damaged and unsuitable for use. This swift action has raised questions about the accountability of the officials involved and the fate of the remaining wheat bags.

Protests Held Against Power Outages In Kotri

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Residents of Kotri have been enduring unannounced and prolonged power outages for over a month, prompting elected councilors from the municipal committee to organize a large protest march. The demonstration culminated at the local press club, where participants chanted slogans against the ongoing power crisis. Led by councilors Jala Rind, Rao Shahid, Babar Iqbal, Apa Yasmeen, and Salma Otho, the protesters demanded the removal of the current Executive Engineer (XEN) of Jamshoro and immediate action to address the unscheduled load-shedding. They reported that since the arrival of the current XEN, the electricity supply has drastically decreased, with officials attributing the outages to ongoing grid maintenance. Protesters highlighted the severe impact of these power cuts on various neighborhoods, including Salahuddin Dargah, Nango Lain, Yousif Baloch Goth, Rasam Mori, Shah Latif Colony, Kotri City, Subhan Allah Colony, Station Colony, and Khanpur, where electricity has been cut from 8 AM to 5 PM daily. Speakers emphasized their refusal to meet with the XEN and SDOs, insisting on an end to the artificial load-shedding and the removal of the current XEN. They warned that failure to address their demands would result in a shutter-down strike across the city.

President Of Awami Press Club Complains Against Information Department In Sukkur

KUMB: Naz Solangi, the President of the Awami Press Club, has called on the Secretary of Information in Sindh to take immediate action against the Deputy Director of Information in Khairpur, citing his inadequate performance in fulfilling his duties. Solangi expressed that the Awami Press Club has not received proper support from the registered journalist community for over a decade. Despite being officially registered, the Sukkur Regional Information Department has consistently failed to provide necessary information, which he described as a mockery of the law. He highlighted that when historical sites are visited by foreign delegations, the local press is often left uninformed, and there have been no press visits conducted as required by protocol. Solangi urged the Sindh Information Department to promptly provide a list of registered press clubs to the Sukkur Information Department to rectify this ongoing neglect. -RT

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Central Punjab

DC Muhammad Naem Sindhu Leads Polio Eradication Efforts In Key Committee Meeting



By Abid Mahmood Ch

CEO Health Dr. Kashif Mahmood Kambhoj, while briefing about the polio eradication campaign, informed that preparations for the campaign, running from October 28 to November 1, 2024, have been completed...

President Reaffirms Pakistan's Unwavering Commitment To UN's Charter

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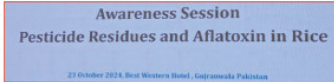
ARI And TDP Call For Urgent Strengthening Of National Quit-Line And Anti-Smoking Services

ISLAMABAD: The Alternative Research Initiative (ARI), in collaboration with the Transparent Development Program (TDP), is urging immediate measures to enhance the national smoking quit-line and smoking cessation services...

These services involve evaluating smoking habits, assessing the urge to quit, and conducting breath tests to measure carbon monoxide levels...

Paddy Crop Awareness Seminar In Gujranwala Provides New Farming Insights

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar



A seminar organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations took place in a private hotel in Gujranwala...

The school was visited, and appreciation was expressed for its cleanliness, discipline, and the students' keen interest in education...

Qatar Charity Delivers Essential Food Packages To Needy Families In Rajanpur



RAJANPUR: Qatar Charity, through its 'Resilience Building Asset Creation & Livelihoods' (ACL) project funded by the World Food Program...

By Abid Mahmood Ch



UNIFORMS HANDED OUT TO STUDENTS AT GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL NO-3, GOBIND PURA

METRO KARACHI

Karachi Biennale Trust Unveils KB24 With Provocative Theme Of Rizq/Risk

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US Envoy Celebrates Revival Of Karachi's Iconic Frere Hall

KARACHI: US Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome, commended the completion of the historic Frere Hall restoration project...



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Aleem And Jam Unveil New Bridge Over Hub River, Easing Traffic Woes

HUB: Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan and Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan...



Addressing the inauguration ceremony, Abdul Aleem Khan emphasized the importance of business activities for regional development...

US Deploys Mobile Vans With X-Ray Machines To Boost TB Detection In Sindh

KARACHI: On Thursday, US Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome, donated five mobile tuberculosis (TB) vans and three digital X-ray machines to the Sindh Health Department...



Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechhuo expressed her gratitude for the US government's ongoing support...

Motorcycle Brazenly Stolen From Police Station Parking Lot In Karachi

KARACHI: In an unusual turn of events, a motorcycle was stolen from the parking lot of Karachi's Korangi police station...

Investigation with a relative. However, upon returning to the parking area, he discovered that his motorcycle was missing...

Pakistan Introduces Major Taxpayer Amendments

KARACHI: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has introduced significant amendments to the Income Tax Rules 2002...

As per an SRO issued on October 18, 2024, under Section 237 of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001...

ADB's Country Director Engages In Strategic Talks With Shaza Fatima

ISLAMABAD: Country Director Asian Development Bank (ADB) Ms. Emma Fan called on Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima...

The government is fully supporting the private sector, adding that Ministry of IT is taking alongside the IT industry for increasing IT exports...



KARACHI: Muhammad Saleem Khan Director General (PR) of the Sindh Information Department, is presenting an Annual Grant Cheque To Mr. Gulam Murtaza Kalthoro, President of the Larkana Press Club.—RT

EDITORIAL

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Are we a nation of carnivores or bibliophiles?

The recent book fair in Lahore, intended as a celebration of literature, turned into a culinary spectacle, raising serious concerns about our nation's misplaced priorities. Reports revealed that only 35 books were sold throughout the event, while food stalls thrived, selling over 1,200 shawarmas and 800 plates of biryani. This overwhelming focus on food rather than books highlights a troubling trend in Pakistan, where we seem more inclined to satisfy our stomachs than nourish our minds.

Lahore, known as the cultural heart of Pakistan, has produced some of the greatest

literary figures, from Saadat Hasan Manto to Faiz Ahmed Faiz. This city has been a beacon of intellectual thought and creativ-



ity, yet the dismal book sales at the fair signal a drift away from this rich legacy. When an event designed to promote reading and intellectual engagement turns into a food fest, it reflects a deeper cultural issue that needs urgent attention.

We must ask ourselves: why is there such a lack of enthusiasm for books and learn-

ing? Have we forgotten the importance of knowledge in shaping our future? The disparity between food and book sales is not just embarrassing; it is a wake-up call. If we continue to neglect intellectual pursuits, we risk losing our cultural and academic heritage.

It is time for Pakistan to prioritize education, reading, and intellectual growth. We must foster a culture where the love of books is cherished and celebrated, not overshadowed by fleeting culinary delights. Only then can we hope to build a prosperous future, driven by knowledge and informed thinking.

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Concerns Raised Over Journalists' Safety In Umerkot



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT. The safety of journalists in Umerkot has become a pressing issue, with senior journalist Zahid Hussain Khatak highlighting the dangerous conditions faced by reporters in the area. His remarks came during a meeting organized by the Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA) at the Umerkot Press Club, where a range of issues affecting the local media landscape were discussed.

Journalist Naheed Hussain Khatak underscored the critical need to prioritize the security of journalists, emphasizing that without proper protection, those in the field are at significant risk. Muhammad Iqbal Bhatti pointed out a worrying trend in the media industry, where owners have transformed institutions into profit-driven businesses, often sidelining experience and education. This shift has led to a situation where anyone with a

smartphone can be labeled a journalist, diluting the standards of reporting.

Utam Sangrasi highlighted the importance of training journalists on sensitive issues, advocating for education that empowers them to report responsibly while minimizing risks to their safety. He noted that, without adequate training, journalists may inadvertently put themselves in harm's way while covering crucial stories.

Ali Murad Dal raised alarms about the lack of salaries for journalists in Umerkot, stating that poor economic conditions hinder their ability to serve society effectively. He lamented the absence of unity among journalists, arguing that this fragmentation weakens their collective voice and undermines their efforts to advocate for their rights and safety.

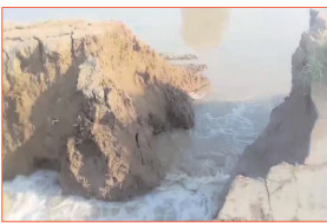
The meeting also addressed broader issues of injustice faced by journalists in the region. Jaipal Malhi pointed out the existence of

five press clubs in the Samaro area of Umerkot, none of which are officially registered. He criticized the declining standards of web channels, suggesting that this further complicates the media landscape.

Senior journalist and leader of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), Nasir Zaidi, discussed the government's measures for journalist protection, emphasizing the need for systemic change to safeguard those in the profession. TDEA representative Abdul Ahad informed attendees about the Safe Media Program, which aims to enhance journalists' professional skills, empower them, and strengthen their collective advocacy.

As concerns about journalist safety continue to grow, this meeting served as a crucial platform for addressing the challenges faced by media professionals in Umerkot, advocating for necessary reforms and support to ensure a safer environment for reporting.

Sui Kandhar Branch Suffers A 10-Foot Wide Breach



By Mumtaz Ali Tahim

TANDO ADAM. A significant 10-foot breach has occurred in the Sui Kandhar Branch near village Sultan Chang, resulting in the inundation of hundreds of acres of crops. Despite timely notifications, the irrigation staff failed to respond promptly to the crisis. In a bid to mitigate the damage, Ibrahim, a leader of the Jeay Sindh Tehreek from Sanghar district, quickly mobilized local residents to the site. As water from the breach threatened to reach Qasim Jan Baloch village, the community worked tirelessly to construct makeshift barriers to stem the flow.

After several hours of efforts, the irrigation department finally arrived with heavy machinery to address the breach. However, locals expressed their frustration over the situation, highlighting that this marks the third breach in the Sui Kandhar Branch within just two to three months. Residents are particularly critical of the contractor, alleging corruption and the use of substandard materials in construction. They argue that these factors have contributed to the recurring breaches, which jeopardize their agricultural livelihoods and disrupt the community's stability.

Jatoi Community Protests Against Police Excesses In Handiari



By Bashir Shaikh

HANDIARI. Residents of Morio Khan Jatoi village, including notable figures such as Dad Khan Jatoi, Illahi Bux Jatoi, and Abdul Haq Jatoi, staged a protest against what they allege are police excesses in their area. The community claims that local police, allegedly in collusion with the Rajpar community, are attempting to forcibly seize their land and homes in exchange for heavy bribes.

During the protest, community members spoke passionately to the media, detailing their grievances and emphasizing the injustices they face. They asserted that the police's actions have not only threatened their property

Preparations For Diwali Celebrations In Full Swing In Umerkot

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT. In Umerkot and throughout the district, vibrant preparations are underway for Diwali, the most significant festival celebrated by the Hindu community. A palpable wave of joy has swept through the area, with homes adorned in festive decorations and stalls set up for fireworks. Children are eagerly participating in the celebrations, joyfully igniting firecrackers in anticipation of the upcoming festivities.

Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the return of Lord Ramchandra after his victory over the demon king Ravana. This historic event has been celebrated with enthusiasm and fireworks for generations, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. For the Hindu community, Diwali is not just a religious observance; it is a cherished occasion that brings families and friends together in celebration.

This year, the spirit of unity and tolerance is especially evident, as members of the Muslim community in Umerkot are actively participating in the festivities. Their involvement showcases a remarkable sense of religious harmony, reflecting the strong bonds shared between different communities in the



region. Local landlords from the Krishna Mandir in Kunri, including Seth Seshpal Das, Nandlal Prem, Dr. Prakash Mahsuwari, and Vishan Das Soni, shared their thoughts with reporters, emphasizing the freedom they enjoy in celebrating their religious festivals in Pakistan.

They expressed gratitude for the support they receive from their Muslim neighbors, who join in the celebrations and demonstrate a commitment to interfaith solidarity. This collaboration fosters a sense of community and mutual respect, underscoring the importance of coexistence in

a diverse society. As the countdown to Diwali continues, the atmosphere in Umerkot is filled with excitement and anticipation.

The preparations reflect not only the significance of the festival for the Hindu community but also the broader spirit of unity and understanding among all residents, regardless of their religious backgrounds. With each decoration and firecracker, the message of joy and celebration resonates throughout the district, paving the way for a memorable Diwali.

Shaheed Iqbal Larik Panel Wins Scarp Employees Union Referendum



By Hasnain Shahid

NAUSHEHRO FEROZE. The recent referendum for the Scarp Employees Union concluded with a resounding victory for the Shaheed Iqbal Larik Panel, which garnered 385 votes, significantly outpacing the Shahbaz Panel, which received just 130 votes. This decisive outcome reflects strong support for the Shaheed Iqbal Larik Panel among the union's members.

Following the election, a jubilant rally was held at the grave of Shaheed Iqbal Larik, where supporters gathered to celebrate the election

of Sagar Yousuf Mangi as President and Waqar Larak as General Secretary. The newly elected officials expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the members for their overwhelming support and commitment, assuring them that they would be available around the clock to address the concerns and needs of all irrigation employees.

The victory was met with congratulations from a wide array of social and political activists across Sindh, who celebrated not only the electoral success but also the stage for future initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare of its members.

were exchanged to commemorate the victory, further strengthening the sense of community and solidarity among the employees.

As the new leadership steps into their roles, there is a renewed sense of optimism within the Scarp Employees Union, with promises of increased advocacy for employee rights and improved working conditions on the horizon. The election marks a pivotal moment in the union's history, setting the stage for future initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare of its members.

Arrest Of Shopkeeper Allahyar Lund's Murderers Demanded In Qazi Ahmed

By Mumtaz Ali Soomro

QAZI AHMED. The family of Allahyar Lund, a shopkeeper tragically murdered nine months ago by unidentified gunmen during a robbery, continues to seek justice as the main suspects remain at large. Today marks the fourth day of protests outside the Qazi Ahmed police station, where the victim's family, holding photos of Allahyar Lund, has staged a symbolic hunger strike while chanting slogans demanding accountability and action.

The demonstration is led by Muhammad Achar Lund, Allahyar's father, who is joined by his sons—Muhammad Hanif Lund and Sajid Ali Lund—as well as community members Abdullah Lund and Ghulam Qadir Lund. Together, they have expressed their deep frustration over the lack of progress in the investigation. Allahyar Lund was shot dead in broad daylight



while seated in his shop, a shocking act of violence that has left the family and community in mourning.

Despite a case being filed against the suspects nearly nine months ago, the police have yet to make any arrests, which has only heightened the family's sense of injustice. The protesters have openly criticized SSP Shaheed Benazirabad Tanveer Hussain Tunio for failing to act on directives from Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, which called for the immediate apprehension of the sus-

pects.

As the protests continue, the Lund family and their supporters are calling on local authorities to take decisive action. They demand not only the arrest of the culprits but also a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding Allahyar Lund's death. The community stands united in their plea for justice, urging law enforcement to fulfill their duty to protect and serve. Without swift action, the family fears that the case may fade into obscurity, leaving them without closure and justice for their beloved Allahyar.

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Sajid Khan Praises Selection Committee For 'Supportive' Pitches In Pakistan's Favor



RAWALPINDI: Right-arm spinner Sajid Khan lauded the new selection committee for making a spin-friendly pitch for the third Test between Pakistan and England, underway here at Pindi Cricket Stadium.

Sajid once again troubled the English batters with his mastery of spin and claimed a six-wicket haul, helping Pakistan to book England on 267 despite wicketkeeper batter Jamie Smith's 89-run knock.

The right-arm spinner reflected on the eventful day, which saw 13 wickets fall as Pakistan got to 73/3 in response to England's 267.

He claimed that the pitch at the Pindi Cricket Stadium is different to that of Multan, explaining that he used variations and utilized the crease to take six wickets. "This pitch is different [to that of Multan]. After 25-30 overs, when the ball softens, we used to get something there [on the previous surface] by hitting the patches but we do not get it on this pitch," said Sajid.

"Some deliveries were bowled well and they played a few bad shots," he added. "So, the wicket is not like that as if one hits a certain patch and would benefit immediately. So, I varied the pace and utilized the crease and it helped me to take wickets." Sajid also shared his experience of bowling long spells alongside Noman Ali, stating the latter is well-experienced and guides him. "Noman Ali is very experienced. I enjoy bowling with him a lot. He always guides me during my spells and it's a wonderful feeling to bowl alongside him," said Sajid.—Agency

Former Pakistani Cricketer Slams ICC For 'Blatantly Biased' Pitch Ratings In Explosive Rant



LAHORE: Former Pakistan cricketer and renowned spinner Saad Ajmal has shed light on the development of spinners and their performance in international cricket.

In an exclusive interview with a local sports platform, Ajmal, famous for his mastery over spin bowling, pointed out that most successful spinners tend to be over the age of 30, as that's when they truly mature and reach their peak.

"Spinners are typically played after 30 when they've lost some of their initial edge. A spinner starts to mature after 25, but it's after 30 that they truly understand their skills and begin performing at their best," Ajmal explained.

He further emphasized that spinners need experience, particularly in first-class cricket, to learn the spin on or flat tracks, but not when teams face similar conditions in India, Australia, or England," he concluded.—Agency

Bugti Community Protests For Justice In Sanghar



By Farooq Bugti

SANGHAR: In the wake of the tragic murders of Pappu Umrani and Aijaz Umrani, linked to a longstanding feud between the Umrani and Bugti communities, protests have erupted in Sanghar, drawing significant attention to the grievances of the Bugti community. The demonstrations saw prominent figures like Muhammad Rafiq Bugti, Sharif Bugti, Moola Bux, and Imdad Ali Muharram Bugti at the forefront, expressing their anger and frustration over recent police actions.

Protesters alleged that the police, equipped with heavy forces and cranes, conducted destructive operations that resulted in the demolition of their homes. They claimed that during these operations, valuables and cash amounting to approximately 60 lacs were confiscated. The community members further accused the police of unjustly arresting two of their own without cause, demanding a bribe of five lacs for their release. They warned that further punitive actions would ensue if their demands were not met. In a passionate appeal, the protesters called upon the Chief Justice of Pakistan, the Inspector General of Sindh, the SSP of Sanghar, and local Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) to take immediate notice of their plight. They demanded the release of innocent detainees and sought compensation for their significant losses. The Bugti community made it clear that if their grievances were not addressed, they would escalate their protests, signaling a determination to seek justice and accountability for their hardships.

Pakistan Army's 18 Division, District Administration Organize Quran Recitation Competition

By Afaq Ahmed Khan-zada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A vibrant Quran recitation competition took place at SST School, Rashidabad, organized jointly by the Pakistan Army's 18 Division and the district administration. The event drew enthusiastic participation from students across various government and private schools, as well as religious institutions. Key attendees included Deputy Commissioner Saleemullah Odho, SSP Abrez Ali Abbasi, Captain Insab from the 47 Baloch Regiment, and several district officials.

The competition was structured into distinct categories for male and female students from madaris and schools. In the male madaris category, the winners were as follows: 1st place went to Usman Shah Huri from Madrasa Ataf Hussain, 2nd place to Ghulam Murtaza from Madrasa Markazi Eidgah, and 3rd place to Abdul Muiz from Aqsa Qirat Academy. In the female madaris category, Insha Noor from Quran Academy took 1st place, followed by Noor Al-Huda from Madrasa Taleem-ul-Quran in 2nd, and Foza, also from Madrasa Taleem-ul-Quran, in 3rd.

In the male schools/colleges category, Muhammad Shahid from Sadiq Memorial School claimed 1st place, Muhammad Zaman from Government Boys School, Bakira Sharif secured 2nd, and Hassan Talha from SST School took 3rd. For the female students, Zainab was awarded 1st place, followed by Sana from Government Girls School in 2nd, and Aisha from The Foundation School in 3rd.

The top participants then competed for overall honors, with Zainab emerging as the champion, followed by Abdul Muiz from Aqsa Qirat Academy and Ghulam Murtaza from Madrasa Eidgah. Deputy Commissioner Saleemullah Odho presented certificates and cash prizes to the winners on behalf of Captain Insab, underscoring the significance of such events in fostering Quranic education and values among the youth. The competition not only celebrated the talent of young reciters but also promoted a deeper appreciation of the Quran within the community.

Community Members Protest Against Gozo Police In-charge In Khairpur Nathan Shah

By Ayaz Burio

Khairpur Nathan Shah: In a significant display of dissent, community members in Khairpur Nathan Shah gathered to protest against Gozo Police Incharge Faqir Muhammad Birhamani. This unrest follows the registration of a case against Gozo individuals, including local journalist Rasheed Ahmed Chandio, sparking widespread concern among residents.

Prominent figures in the community, including Bakhshal Khan Korejo, Muhammad Korejo, Rasheed Chandio, and Mubeen Chandio, have come forward to voice their allegations against Birhamani, accusing him of misusing his authority to target respected leaders within the community. The protesters claim that Birhamani's actions reflect a troubling pattern of misconduct, including alleged involvement in criminal activities and inappropriate behavior towards women, children, and elderly residents, reportedly while under the influence of alcohol. During the protest, demonstrators called for the immediate removal of Faqir Muhammad Birhamani from his position, emphasizing the need for accountability and transparency within the police force. They directed their demands towards higher authorities, urging the Inspector General of Sindh, the DIG of Hyderabad, and the SSP of Dadu to intervene, investigate the allegations, and take appropriate action against the accused officer. The mood among the protesters was one of determination, as they vowed to continue their fight for justice.

Gastroenteritis Outbreak Claims Lives In Badah

By Ibrahim Farooqi

BADAH: A severe outbreak of gastroenteritis has recently emerged in Badah and its surrounding areas, tragically claiming the lives of five individuals, including two young brothers, within just a week. This alarming situation has sparked widespread concern among residents, particularly as the health department has yet to respond to the escalating crisis.

Among the victims is Ajeeban, a beloved mother of four, whose passing in the Dargah locality has left her family utterly devastated and mourning the loss of their primary caregiver. The emotional toll on her children, who now face an uncertain future without their mother, has added to the community's sorrow. Furthermore, the outbreak has affected other families in the region, with three innocent children from the nearby village of Babori also losing their lives recently due to the illness. Just five days ago, 11-year-old Ali Raza from Zakaria Colony succumbed to gastroenteritis, amplifying the sense of urgency within the community.

As reports of new cases continue to emerge, residents are overwhelmed by grief and fear. They are urgently calling for immediate action to address the outbreak and prevent further tragedies. Community leaders and health advocates are demanding better health services, increased access to clean drinking water, and the implementation of public awareness campaigns to educate the population about the risks and prevention of gastroenteritis.

The lack of response from local health authorities has fueled frustration and anger among the residents, who feel abandoned in their time of need. Many are now taking it upon themselves to spread awareness and encourage hygiene practices, such as handwashing and proper sanitation, to mitigate the impact of the outbreak. The community is uniting in their efforts, hoping that collective action will prompt the necessary response from health officials and ultimately save lives. With the stakes so high, the urgency for intervention has never been clearer.

SU Sets Up Psychological Wellness & Counseling Cell



By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: The University of Sindh has officially inaugurated its first Psychological Wellness & Counseling Cell (PWCC) at the Department of Psychology, a significant initiative aimed at addressing the growing mental health issues among students. The launch, which coincided with World Mental Health Day, featured a poster exhibition that showcased the creativity of students, highlighting various mental health themes.

During the inauguration, Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Siddique Kathoro emphasized the critical role of nurturing positive relationships and serving humanity as foundational elements for maintaining good mental health. He also addressed the global challenge of schizophrenia, drawing attention to the need for increased awareness and support.

Dr. Munaza Malik, Chairperson of the Psychological Department, spoke about the importance of core human values in leading a fulfilling life. She expressed hope that the PWCC would provide students with the necessary tools and resources to navigate their mental health challenges effectively. This initiative marks a pivotal step in enhancing mental health support within the region, reflecting the university's commitment to fostering a healthier, more supportive academic environment. The PWCC aims to offer counseling services, workshops, and resources to help students manage stress, anxiety, and other mental health concerns, contributing to their overall well-being and academic success.

Rawalpindi Test Shocker: Shan And Saud Rescue Pakistan After England Crumbles At 267

RAWALPINDI: After bowling out England for 267 in their first innings, Pakistan faced trouble due to slumping top order batting line-ups as they lost three wickets on the first day of the deciding third Test being played at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Thursday. England's Shaoh Bashir sent off Abdullah Shafique (14) in 9th over, whereas, Jack Leach ended Saim Ayub's innings at 19 in 12th over. Gus Atkinson gave a big blow to the hosts by claiming Kamran Ghulam's wicket for 3. However, skipper Shan Masood (16) along with Saud Shakeel (16) made Pakistan's slumping lineup steady at the conclusion of day 1 of the series decider at turning ball. Pakistan's spin duo of Sajid Khan and Noman Ali ran through the England lineup as they claimed six and three wickets, respectively, followed by Zahid Mahmood took one wicket. After departure of skipper Ben Stokes (12), Jamie Smith revived his side by scoring crucial 89 runs off 119 balls along with Atkinson's 39 off 71. Zahid retook Smith in 62nd over, whereas, Atkinson was caught and bowled by Noman.—Agency

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Selena Gomez Breaks Silence On Explosive Benny Blanco, Edgar Ramirez Feud



Selena Gomez has shut down cheating rumours with boyfriend Benny Blanco.

Previously, Gomez has sparked cheating rumours after dancing very closely with her Emilia Perez co-star Edgar Ramirez.

The video of Gomez and Ramirez from Sabrina Carpenter's Short n' Sweet tour concert went viral, igniting cheating rumours among fans.

However, taking to her Instagram Stories, Gomez put an end to cheating speculations.

She posted a hilarious video clip of Blanco and Ramirez recreating the viral moment.

In the video, Blanco took Gomez's place and danced closely with the actor on Carpenter's hit track Bed Chem, from the latest album Short n' Sweet.

Gomez and Blanco started dating midway through 2023 and then the Only Murders in the Building actress confirmed their relationship in December that year.

Emilia Perez also starring Adriana Paz, Mark Ishler, Zoe Saldana and Karla Sofia Gascon will receive limited theatrical release Canada and in the U.S. on November 1 and it will then premiere on Netflix from November 13, 2024.

Jennifer's Heartbreak: Feels Betrayed As Brad And Courteney's Bond Deepens



Brad Pitt and Courteney Cox are hanging out together once again.

However, this rekindled bond has reportedly left Jennifer Aniston seething, as per the new findings of In Touch.

As per an insider, the Meet Mr. Joe Black alum became a close friend of the Friends star, Courteney, while he was married to Jennifer Aniston.

Nonetheless, their bond got marred when Brad parted ways with Jennifer in 2005, and Courteney sided with Jennifer when Brad became enamoured with Angelina, resulting in her romance of more than a decade.

The Mr. and Mrs. Smith couple eventually tied the knot on 23rd August 2014 only to part ways two years later in 2016.

"Courteney is respectful, she wouldn't have started the friendship up again without Jen's blessing," a tipster tattled.

"Once Brad and Jen reconnected after his divorce from Angelina, she gave all her close friends the greenlight to let him back into their lives," the spy also said of the heart-throb.

"But that doesn't mean this hasn't left Jen feeling very hurt and betrayed," the source remarked in conclusion.

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Shahdampur Man Demands Justice Following Harrowing Theft Incident

By Sajjan Jani

SHAHDAMPUR: In a troubling incident that has raised serious concerns about safety and justice in the community, a respected local figure, Noor Khan Brohi, along with Raees Ghulam Muhammad Brohi, has come forward to demand urgent action from law enforcement authorities.



Approximately six weeks ago, Ghulam Muhammad Brohi and his family faced a terrifying ordeal when five armed men violently attacked them at their property.



According to Ghulam Muhammad Brohi, the attackers—identified as Nazir Muhammad Brohi, Javed Brohi, Abdul Aleem Brohi, Somar Brohi, and Manzoor Brohi—descended upon his land with weapons drawn, creating a scene of chaos and fear.

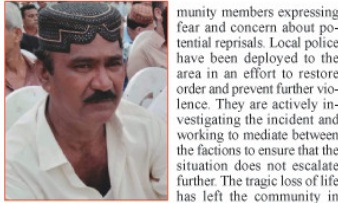


Reports indicate that Nazir Muhammad remains at large, openly issuing threats of violence and death, creating an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty.

Man Killed, Three Injured In Bhurt Community Clash

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: A violent dispute between two factions of the Bhurt community in the village of Kothi Khokhar erupted over water extraction rights, culminating in a tragic shooting incident.



Witnesses reported that tensions had been escalating for some time, primarily due to disagreements over access to water resources, which are critical for agriculture in the region.

and the injured were promptly transported to the nearest hospital for medical attention, with the injured individuals later being transferred to Larkana Hospital for more specialized care.

Hingorja Journalists Protest Against Police Harassment

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: In a powerful show of solidarity, journalists in Hingorja organized a protest outside the press club to voice their concerns over escalating harassment and intimidation faced by their community.



Protesters expressed their frustration, emphasizing that Khairpur has increasingly become a perilous environment for journalists. They highlighted alarming instances of harassment and false cases filed against several reporters.

The rally also drew attention to the plight of journalist Zafar Siddiqui from Ranipur and Sajjad Arain from Hingorja, both of whom have recently experienced robbery. Additionally, the protesters raised concerns regarding Aftab Bhanbho and Nazir Solangi, whose stolen property remains unrecovered, lamenting that only through collaborative efforts can the nation hope to eliminate this debilitating disease.

Commissioner Fayaz Ali Abbasi Urges For Collective Action Against Polio

By Absar Ali



SUKKUR: The Rotary Club Sukkur organized a significant polio awareness event and walk in observance of World Polio Eradication Day, with Commissioner Fayaz Hussain Abbasi and local Deputy Commissioners in attendance.

highlighted the alarming rise in polio cases across Pakistan, urging partners to ensure their children receive vaccinations. Abbasi announced an upcoming anti-polio campaign scheduled for October 28 to November 3, emphasizing the critical role of community involvement in achieving vaccination targets and reaching every household. He called for collective action to eradicate polio, stressing the importance of immunization in protecting future generations.

Chief Monitoring Officer Visits Various Schools In Dadu

By Javed Laghari



DADU: Chief Monitoring Officer Din Muhammad Abro, accompanied by Monitoring Officer Faisal Khan Mastoi, conducted a comprehensive inspection of several schools in the Dadu Taluka to assess teacher and student attendance. During their visits, they identified significant absenteeism, discovering that 12 teachers and 4 lower staff members were absent from duty across various institutions.

Protests Erupt In Sehwan Against Excessive Load Shedding

By Qaimuddin Memon



SEHWAN SHARIF: Residents of Sehwan have taken to the streets in protest against severe and unannounced electricity load shedding, which has escalated to an alarming 14 hours per day. In a show of solidarity, members of the Sindh United Party (SUP) and local citizens initiated a symbolic hunger strike outside the WAPDA office, demanding an immediate end to the load shedding and the removal of the local Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO).

AC Jhol Leads Anti-Encroachment Campaign

By Mehtab Shar



JHOL: In response to directives from the Supreme Court of Pakistan, the Sanghar district administration has initiated a comprehensive anti-encroachment operation, spearheaded by Assistant Commissioner Jhol and supported by the Mukhtiar, Town Officer, and DSP Jam Nawaz Ali. The campaign primarily targets illegal structures along the main road extending from Rahmat Cotton Factory to Jhol, where numerous shops had established makeshift stalls, infringing on public space.

DHO Shoukat Abro, AC Lead Awareness Rally For Polio Eradication In Larkana

By Saleem Soomro



LARKANA: In a proactive effort to combat polio, an awareness rally was organized in Larkana under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sharif Nour Channa on the occasion of World Polio Day. The rally, which aimed to educate the community about the importance of polio eradication, traversed several key roads in the city before concluding in front of the press club.

The event saw participation from various officials, including District Health Officer Dr. Shoukat Ali Abro, Assistant Commissioner Raja Khan Qureshi, and other prominent figures from the health department and local administration. As the rally progressed, officials engaged with citizens, distributing informational pamphlets and answering questions about the disease and vaccination process.

Workshop On Anger Management Held At Sakrand Girls College

By Zeeshan Soomro



SAKRAND: A significant workshop titled "How to Control Anger" was organized at Government Girls Degree College Sakrand in collaboration with the District Scouts Organization Shaheed Benazirabad. This event aimed to equip twelfth-grade students with essential skills to manage their emotions effectively. The workshop was led by Principal Madam Khalida Pervaiz Chandio and Director of Physical Education Miss Tauheed Fatima, who highlighted the detrimental effects of anger on mental well-being.

Young Doctors Protest For Recovery Of Abducted Dr. Khalid Mahmood

By Hafeez Mallah



GAMBAT: Young doctors at GIMS Hospital have organized a press conference to demand the immediate recovery of Dr. Khalid Mahmood, who was kidnapped while traveling from Rahimyar Khan. Led by Dr. Wahab Dogar, Dr. Mujeeb Bhanbho, Dr. Nadeem, and Dr. Shahzad, the group voiced their deep concerns regarding the police's response to the situation. The doctors revealed that the kidnappers have demanded a ransom of one crore rupees for Dr. Mahmood's release. They expressed their dissatisfaction with the handling of the case, particularly criticizing the SSP of Rahimyar Khan, who suggested that Dr. Mahmood was abducted through a "honey trap."

Sindh Ombudsman's Regional Director Holds An Open Katchery In Larkana

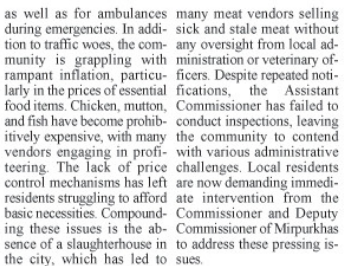
By Saleem Soomro



LARKANA: The Regional Director of the Sindh Ombudsman's Office, Ali Akbar Jagirani, held an open katchery at the District Accounts Office, providing a platform for government employees to voice their concerns and seek resolution for various issues, particularly those related to pension arrears. During the event, several employees received significant payouts for their overdue pension dues. Dr. Muhammad Hashim Bughio was awarded PKR 376,732, while Abdul Sattar from Chandka Medical College received PKR 377,649. Ailash Dino, a Primary School Teacher (PST), was granted PKR 845,016, and Fida Hussain, a watchman from the education department, received PKR 32,725. Other notable disbursements included PKR 52,564 for Head Constable Ali Bux and PKR 50,039 for Police Constable Noshad Ali Sohu.

Traffic And Price Control Issues Irk Tando Jan Muhammad's Residents

By Narain Das



MIRPURKHAS: Residents of Tando Jan Muhammad are expressing their frustration over ongoing traffic disruptions and skyrocketing food prices, which they attribute to the apathy of district and local administration. The main streets have become severely congested due to encroachments by shopkeepers, hotels, and parked vehicles, causing significant difficulties for school children and parents during school hours.

