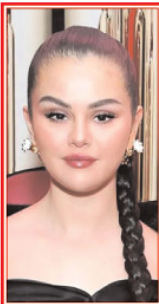


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Justice Yahya Afridi Becomes Pakistan's 30th Chief Justice

ISLAMABAD: Justice Yahya Afridi was sworn as Pakistan's 30th chief justice on Saturday, succeeding Justice Qazi Faez Isa as the country's top judge.

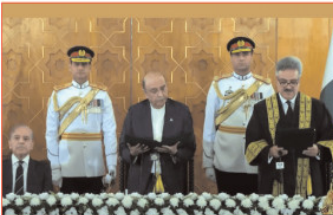
President Asif Ali Zardari administered oath to the newly-appointed top judge in a prestigious ceremony at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The new CJP will serve the post for a fixed three-year term.

Justice Afridi has succeeded former CJP Isa, who retired and relinquished charge as the top judge yesterday (October 25).

The top judge is the first to be appointed following new rules for selecting a chief justice, introduced through the 26th Constitutional Amendment passed by the government last week.

The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and heads of the tri-services, including Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir.

Moreover, Supreme Court



judges, including Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Aisha Malik, former CJP Iftikhar Chaudhry, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, Governor Sardar Saleem Haider, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur and Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, alongside parliamentarians were also in attendance.

The committee, formed under Section 2(1) of the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023, which is responsible for fixing

cases, has been reconstituted. Justice Afridi is now the head, while its members include Justices Mansoor Ali Shah and Munib Akhtar.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Judicial Council has also been reconstituted following the appointment of the new chief justice.

The top judge has also assumed the role of chairman of the council, with Justices Shah and Akhtar as members of the body, along with the two most senior CJs from the high courts.—RT/Agency

Iran Vows Retaliation After Israeli Airstrikes Target Military Sites, Leaving Two Soldiers Dead

TEHRAN: Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Saturday that Iran was determined to defend itself after Israeli warplanes struck military bases and missile sites in several Iranian provinces, killing two soldiers.

"I think we've shown that our determination to defend ourselves knows no limits," Araghchi said in an interview with the official website of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The minister's comments were the first by a senior Iranian official since the pre-dawn strikes.

Israel had vowed to retaliate after October 1, when Iran fired around 200 missiles in its second ever direct attack against its arch-foe.

In April, in its first direct assault against Israeli territory, Iran launched more than 300 drones and mis-



siles.

Tehran said that barrage was retaliation for a strike on Iran's consular annex in Damascus that killed commanders of its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

"We will defend our territory and our homeland," Araghchi said. "I think everyone has already seen that."

Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted the For-

Iranian air defense command announced on Saturday that Israeli airstrikes on military centers in Tehran, the western province of Ilam, and the southwest province of Khuzestan were intercepted and successfully countered.

According to a report by the news agency, the air defense system intercepted and countered these attacks.

"The Zionist regime's continued occupation, illegal actions, and crimes—particularly the genocide of the Palestinian people and aggression against Lebanon, sustained by the comprehensive support of the United States and other Western countries—are the primary causes of tension and insecurity in the region," the statement added.

The Middle East has been on edge in anticipation of Israeli retaliation for a ballistic missile barrage carried out by Iran on October 1, in which around 200 ballistic missiles were fired at Israel, Iran's second direct attack on Israel in six months.

"In response to months of continuous attacks from the regime in Iran against the State of Israel — right now the Israel Defense Forces is conducting precise strikes on military targets in Iran," the Israel Defense Forces said in a statement.

Meanwhile, in its statement, Pakistan said that Israel bears full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation and expansion of the conflict. The press release called on the world to play its role in restoring regional peace and security.—RT/Agency

Dastardly Suicide Attack In North Waziristan Claims Six Lives, Including Four Police Officers

N WAZIRISTAN: At least six people including four cops were martyred and several others were injured in a "suicide bombing" in North Waziristan, police said on Saturday.

The law enforcers said that the attack targeted a police post in Eidak area of Mir Ali. Four of the slain individuals were police personnel, they added.

The injured were shifted to hospital after a rescue operation was launched. Meanwhile, the area was cordoned off by the security forces.

Pakistan has experienced a spike in terrorism since the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan in 2021. Most terror incidents are reported in provinces bordering the neighbouring country — Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

Around a dozen militants were eliminated during anti-terrorism operations by the security forces in KP's Dis-



trict North Waziristan this month, as the military strives to deal with the menace of terrorism in the country.

A report published by the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) earlier this month stated that the third quarter of 2024 saw a sharp increase in fatalities of terrorist violence and counter-terrorism campaigns with a 90% surge in violence in the country.

The total fatalities from three quarters of this year surpassed the total fatalities recorded for the entire 2023,

Zain Qureshi Steps Down As PTI's Deputy Leader Amidst Loyalty Probe



ISLAMABAD: PTI MNA Zain Qureshi stepped down on Saturday as the party's deputy parliamentary leader amid an internal inquiry on the loyalty of certain lawmakers.

Earlier this week, the PTI decided to take legal action against its lawmakers who had voted in favour of the 26th Constitutional Amendment in clear violation of the party policy.

Zain, the son of former PTI vice chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi, denied reports at the time that he was present on the premises of parliament at the time of the amendment's passage. He claimed that he was underground as per the instructions of his father.

According to the PTI, the party was unable to contact

him. Zain was issued a show-cause notice on Tuesday.

In a post on X today, he announced: "Based on my belief for a free and transparent inquiry and in recognition of the sentiment of our party supporters, I am resigning from my role as deputy parliamentary leader. I do so until and unless I have the confidence and trust of my party and our founding chairman, Imran Khan."

Zain added that in the "interest of public transparency for all PTI supporters", he had formally replied to his show-cause notice and provided a comprehensive account.

"I was, am and will remain faithful to my party, to my leader Imran Khan and to my father and all that he stands for."—RT/Agency

PTI Leaders Blocked Meetings With Imran Khan, Faisal Vawda Confirms

ISLAMABAD: Senator Faisal Vawda has said that the ban on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leaders meeting with party's founding chairman Imran Khan was imposed at the request of the PTI leaders themselves.

In a special discussion on a private channel, Senator Vawda said that the meeting was not intended to take place because the PTI leadership advised against seeking permission for it, saying, "When he (Imran Khan) tells us to come out, it becomes difficult for us."

He added that the PTI members had summoned a letter from 62 US senators, which further widened the gap between Imran Khan and the establishment.

He claimed that they had pushed Imran Khan and his politics into oblivion.

When asked about the deal under which Bushra Bibi was released, Senator Vawda remarked that if her release wasn't under a deal, then how could there have been weeks of renovation at Bani Gala? He noted that trees had been planted and cleaning had taken place. However, Vawda did not provide details about the alleged deal.



He mentioned that it is unclear when Imran Khan will be released, as no one knows what cases are pending against him.

The Senator went on to say that General (R) Faiz Hamid was implicated in multiple issues, including the events of May 9 and the murder of Arshad Sharif, and predicted that there will be a court martial for Faiz Hamid, leading to his conviction. He raised a question about why Murad Saeed, a minister under Imran Khan, has been absent from the Arshad Sharif murder case, asserting that he hasn't been seen in two years.

In response to a question, Faisal Vawda noted that he had mentioned the 27th amendment before the 26th amendment. He stated that

after the 27th, more amendments, including the 28th, would follow.

On the social media platform X, Vawda wrote that he had announced the previous day that Bushra Bibi would be released, expressing gratitude that he does not make baseless claims. He claimed there are no new cases against Bushra Bibi and that her vehicle was allowed to enter VIP style. As I mentioned, the founder of PTI will also meet with lawyers today, and regular meetings will commence in jail from October 26. He assured the nation that he would not hide anything. He noted that many of the founder's companions and those close to him have abandoned him, throwing him into the fires of hell.—RT/Agency

Ex-Senator Mushtaq Faces Terrorism Charges For Leading Gaza March To US Embassy

ISLAMABAD: A terrorism case has been registered against former Senator Mushtaq Ahmed for organising a march towards the US Embassy in support of Gaza.

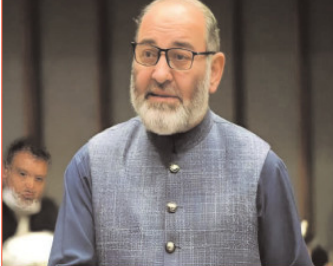
The case was filed at Islamabad's Aabpara Police Station against Mushtaq Ahmed, a former Senator and leader of Jamaat-e-Islami, media reported.

He had called for a march from Aabpara to the US Embassy as part of the "Save Gaza" campaign to show solidarity with the people of Gaza.

The case text further states that stones thrown by the protesters broke the windows of six public and two government vehicles. Some protesters also allegedly snatched an anti-riot kit and helmet from Constable Zafarullah.

Last month police detained former Mushtaq Ahmed, along with his wife, son, and over two dozen protesters, during a march expressing solidarity with Gaza.

The ex-senator had called on the public to gather at Express Chowk, an entry point to Islam-

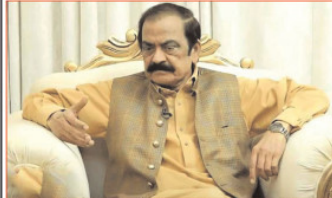


abad's Red Zone from the D-Chowk side.

In response, the Islamabad administration enforced Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, prohibiting all gatherings, and warned that violators would face legal repercussions.

The capital police reported that individuals defying the ban were detained from areas such as Express Chowk, China Chowk, Embassy Road, and Serena Chowk, and later moved to police stations including Secretariat, Kohsar, and Shalimar.—RT/Agency

26th Amendment Has Closed The Door On Political Power Manipulation: Rana Sanaullah



LAHORE: Prime minister's political adviser Rana Sanaullah said on Saturday the 26th amendment would help prevent coming into power through backdoor.

Speaking to media in Lahore, he said the PML-N had always worked for the betterment of the state.

"Pakistan is out of crisis and political and economic stability would be achieved soon," he added.

He also gave the credit of ending terrorism and energy crisis to his party and said the PML-N had always played a positive role in national development.

As for the constitutional amendment, he said the 26th amendment gave the hope that no one would be able to hold the reins of power in Pakistan through backdoors.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Slams Israeli Airstrikes On Iran As Tensions Escalate

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly condemned Israel's strikes against the Islamic Republic of Iran in the early hours on Saturday.

As per Foreign Office spokesperson, Israeli military strikes against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran were a grave violation of the UN Charter and the international law.

These strikes undermined path to regional peace and stability and also exacerbated dangerous escalation in an already volatile region.

"Israel is fully responsible for the current cycle of escalation and expansion of the conflict in the region," stressed Pakistan.

Pakistan demanded the UN to play take immediate



actions to bring an end to Israeli recklessness in the region and its criminal behaviour.

Pakistan called international community must also play its role for restoring regional peace and security.

It is pertinent to note that Israel launched retaliatory attack on Iran, hitting 20 targets including Tehran, Shiraz and Kurd.

The Israeli forces attacked missiles manufacturing and other defence systems sites of Iran.

Iranian authorities asserted that it defended its territory using aerial defence system thwarted Israeli attacks.—RT/Agency

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LARKANA: Principal of the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Girls Cadet College Larkana Prof. Saleem Raza Chaudhry along with students is offering Fateha at the grave of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto in Garhi Khuda Bus.—Photo By Nadeem Soomro.

SIEHS CEO Brigadier Tarique Quadir Lakhiair (R) - SI(M) visits Giddu Hospital



HYDERABAD: Brigadier Tarique Quadir Lakhiair (R) - SI(M), Chief Executive Officer of the Sindh Integrated Emergency Health Services (SIEHS), visited the Giddu Hospital, also known as the "The Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Institute of Psychiatry," upon the invitation of Senator Dr. Karim Khawaja, Chairman of the Sindh Mental Health Authority. Upon arrival, Brigadier Lakhiair (R) - SI(M) and his team were welcomed by Dr. Nisar Sohu, the Medical Superintendent of the hospital. In the conference hall, Dr. Sohu provided a briefing on the hospital's operations and performance, highlighting the challenges faced by the facility. Zeeshan Halipoto, an active member of the civil society, discussed various issues concerning the hospital and commended Dr. Sohu's efforts. Brigadier Lakhiair (R) - SI(M) expressed his commitment to ensuring cooperation between SIEHS and the Giddu Hospital, particularly with the Rescue 1122 service. He stated that high-level discussions would be held with Dr. Karim Khawaja to address the hospital's challenges. He praised the initiatives for the rehabilitation of mental health patients and assured continued support from both SIEHS and his personal capacity. The hospital administration also organized a tour of various wards for Brigadier Lakhiair (R) - SI(M) and his team, including the emergency ward, narcotics ward, and other sections. The visit concluded with a debriefing session. The SIEHS team included zonal manager Banshi Malhi, senior HR manager Yasir Raza Memon from the People's Cultural Department, Ali Raza Sukhrani, Tofique Sethar, Saif Chaudhry, Yaseen Soomro, and Zaid Shah Rashid Lakhiair among others.

Bakhtawar Girls Cadet College holds speech competition in Nawabshah

By Samad Ayaz

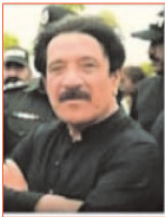


NAWABSHAH: A speech competition was held at Pakistan's first Bakhtawar Girls Cadet College in Nawabshah, organized with the support of other esteemed institutions to highlight students' talents. The competition featured speeches in three languages. Educational institutions from Sindh, including Cadet College Larkana, Benazir Bhutto Girls Cadet College Larkana, Cadet College Sanghar, Cadet College Petaro, Cadet College Karam Pur, Public School Mir Shar, Muhammad Talpur, and Degree College Nawabshah, participated. The event was presided over by the college principal, Dr. Farida Shaikh, who coordinated the judging panel comprising Dr. Tania Laghari, Dr. Phulo Menghwar, and Owais Rabbari. Awards were presented to the students who showcased outstanding abilities during the competition. In her remarks to the students and other regional attendees, Principal Dr. Farida Shaikh stated that traditionally, competitions have been held in English and Urdu, but this year, they included Sindhi as well. She noted that students enthusiastically participated in serious and humorous topics, demonstrating impressive performances.

2.2 billion Rupees earmarked for road development projects in Thatta: Ali Hassan Zardari

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: The Sindh government has approved 12 road development projects in Thatta, allocating Rs 2.20 billion following the recommendation of Provincial Minister for Works, Services, and Prisons, Haji Ali Hassan Zardari. This initiative, aimed at improving travel convenience, has been welcomed with optimism by local residents. Haji Ali Hassan, a close associate of Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, is known for his commitment to public service. Having represented his constituency for two



terms, he has consistently prioritized road infrastructure improvements to benefit the people of Thatta. The projects include crucial road connections, such as the route from Ghulamullah to Goth

Ghulam Bani, and roads through key areas like Bero, Ghulam Hussain, Ladiya, and Abdul Kareem Yar Muhammad Lashari via Noor Muhammad Bukaro. Tenders for these projects have already been issued, demonstrating swift progress. Minister Haji Ali Hassan Zardari reiterated his dedication to bringing substantial development to District Thatta. Highlighting the Pakistan People's Party's focus on public welfare, he emphasized the party's legacy of sacrifices for the underprivileged and its commitment to honoring the memory of its martyrs.

NWM women protest against land grabbing

By Yousif Rind



NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: At the Nawab Wali Muhammad Press Club, a widow from the village of Moulia Bux Chaudhio, Darya Bibi Chaudhio, along with her sister Hidayat Bibi Chaudhio, protested against the injustices inflicted by their brothers and brothers-in-law. The affected women spoke to the media, stating that their brother, Ajaz Chaudhio, along with brothers-in-law Dr. Ghulam Shabbir Chaudhio and Altaf Chaudhio, have usurped the 15 acres of land that belonged to their deceased father, Hussain Bux Chaudhio, by tampering with the land records. They expressed that

after demanding their rightful share from their brothers, leading to their arrest. The women have called on the local authorities, including the Deputy Commissioner and SSP of Shaheed Benazirabad, to take notice of their situation and conduct a fair investigation to ensure justice.

Livestock Dept holds free medical camps in Manjhand

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: On the Directives of Director General Livestock Sindh Hyderabad Dr Hizbulah Bhutto and Director Animal Husbandry Sindh Dr Riaz Ahmed Abbasi, Livestock and Animal Husbandry District Jamsoro arranged free veterinary medical camps for animals in the areas of Manzoorabad and Budhapur of Taluka Manjhand. In this free veterinary camp, small and large animals were vaccinated.

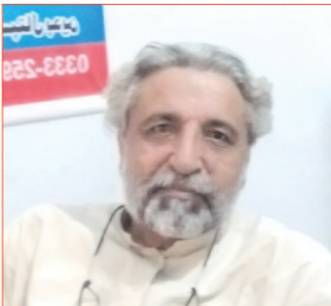


Earlier, Deputy Director also visited the veterinary centers of Manzoorabad and Budhapur, he checked the record of the centres & availability of vaccines & medicines.

On this occasion, the technical team Dr. Amjad Hussain, Dr. Akram Ali Kachhelo, Abdullah Kolachi SSA, Shaukat Ali SSA and other para vet staff were present in the camp.

Senior Badin journalist Muhammad Aslam Memon succumbs to cancer

By Muhammad Bachal



BADIN: Senior journalist Muhammad Aslam Memon is fighting with cancer-like infectious disease and met the real creator. In his funeral prayer, MPA Haji Taj Muhammad Mallah, Vice Chairman Municipal Committee Badin Ali Akbar Memon Former Chairman Muhammad Hashim Jamal District Council Member Mir Fateh Rebari Urban Union Convener Khalifa Tariq Aziz Memon, Shujaat Hussain Khawaja, senior journalists, Shakoore Memon, Khalid Abbasi, Anees Memon, Shaukat Memon, Murtaza Memon, leaders of various trade organizations participated. He was buried in the Shah Qadri cemetery.

UMERKOT: Muhammad Younis, the Station Master of Pithoro Station in the Pakistan Railways Karachi Division, has retired after completing his service. A splendid farewell party was organized in his honor under the leadership of the Union President, Ghulam Muhammad Sehto, along with Asif Ali Mughal, Afaq Ahmed Abbasi, Daniyal Ahmed, Imdad Ali, and Munawar Shar. A large number of current and retired railway employees attended the event. The celebration commenced at Pithoro Station and included a warm welcome for the retiring station master at



Shadi Palli stop by Ghulam Muhammad Sehto, Bashir Ahmed Arain, Imdad Ali Mughal, Munawar Shar, and Prakash Kamal. During the event Ghulam Muhammad Sehto presented a gift representing Sindh's culture. Additionally, retired gatekeeper Muhammad Bachal Shar and the staff adorned Muhammad Younis with a garland of flowers.

Fishermen protest against Police harassment

By Farooq Bugti

SANGHAR: The residents of the Chotiariyo area, belonging to the fishing community, staged a protest at the National Press Club against alleged police harassment by the Chotiariyo police. During the protest, participants including Zahid Shah and Roshan Mallah expressed their grievances, stating that they own a personal 20-acre fish farm where they earn their livelihood



by fishing. They accused the SHO of Chotiariyo of demanding a bribe of five hundred thousand rupees, asserting that he refuses to allow them to fish unless the bribe is paid. They claimed that the SHO is also threatening to implicate them in false cases. Despite possessing all necessary documents and licenses for fishing, they feel harassed. The protesters mentioned that they have submitted a complaint regarding the SHO's extortion to the SSP Sanghar, but no one is willing to address their concerns. They stated that the SHO regularly deploys mobile teams to intimidate their community members. They urged the Inspector General of Sindh and the Chief Justice of Pakistan to take notice of their situation and ensure a fair investigation against the SHO, so that they can continue fishing to support their families.

Advocate Nadir Ali Khoso takes oath as District Ameer of JI Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Advocate Nadir Ali Khoso has been appointed as the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami for Larkana District. The oath-taking ceremony took place in Larkana, where the special guest, Jamaat-e-Islami Sindh Ameer Kashif Saeed Shaikh, addressed the attendees. He criticized the recent parliamentary amendments, describing them as an affront to the independence of the judiciary, and condemned the favoritism shown towards those who exploit Sindh's water resources. He stated that the current rulers prioritize their interests over essential issues such as expensive electricity, fuel, healthcare, and education, while neglect-

Rewachand Family protests against harassment of Hindu Panchayat's Dr Hotchand

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: The President of the Hindu Panchayat, Dr. Hotchand, has been accused of creating difficulties for the local Hindu community. In a press conference at the Sujawal Press Club, members of the Deewan Hindu community expressed their grievances. Leaders including Rewachand's family member, Lajwanti Bai, and others stated that Dr. Hotchand has been using his influence to unjustly harass them. Lajwanti Bai explained that their family has lived in the

Hindu locality of Sujawal for the past 60 years, with their residence being legally there. However, Dr. Hotchand is reportedly trying to force them out by demanding access to a plot adjacent to their home, which was previously allocated for a temple. Lajwanti Bai claimed that they do not wish to open their home for this purpose, leading to continuous harassment from Dr. Hotchand, who has allegedly made false accusations against them. She further mentioned that local officials, including the ADC and Mukhtiar, have conducted raids on their home under the pretext of encroachment, threatening them and even detaining her without justification for several hours. The community members emphasized their desire to live peacefully with their Muslim neighbors, but Dr. Hotchand's actions have made their lives unbearable. They urged the Deputy Commissioner of Sujawal and other authorities to intervene and relieve them from this harassment so they can live peacefully in their community.

Condolences pour in over sad demise of Badin journalist Aslam Memon

TALHAR: Leader from the Pakistan People's Party Minority Wing, Sunil Kumar, President of the Talhar Press Club, Muhammad Sadiq Thebo, Musarat Ahsan Naqvi, and others expressed deep sorrow and condolences on the passing of senior journalist and National Press Club Badin president Muhammad Aslam Memon. The leaders stated that the late Aslam Memon consistently supported truth and justice through his journalism. They extended their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.—RT

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Protests erupt in Ghotki against transfer of SHO Barkat Ali Bhatti

By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: Citizens took to the streets in Khanpur Mahar to protest the transfer of SHO Barkat Ali Bhatti, claiming it was an act of injustice against the community.



in the city. They criticized the decision by SSP Ghotki to transfer him to Arbelo Sangri, describing it as blatant injustice. Protesters emphasized that the security situation in Khanpur Mahar had improved under Bhatti's leadership and that his removal would lead to a resurgence of crime.

Bazm-e-Ghalib Malkani holds reception for poet Laung Mallah

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: An event was organized by Bazm-e-Ghalib Malkani in honor of the poet of love and revolution, Laung Mallah, under the chairmanship of esteemed educator Abdul Jalil Qureshi.

Bhutto were among the guests. In his presidential address, Abdul Jalil Qureshi highlighted that Laung Mallah's poetry embodies a call for awakening. Scholar Altaf Malkani emphasized that Laung Mallah skillfully intertwines themes of love and revolution, while writer Mehboob Sindhi noted that Laung Mallah's thoughts reflect a deep sense of Sindh.

DEO Secondary Jacobabad Visits Local Schools

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: According to reports from Thul, the District Education Officer (Secondary) Jacobabad, Muhammad Ismail Burro, conducted visits to various schools, including Government Girls Higher Secondary School Thul.



emphasized the importance of teachers attending their duties daily and providing quality education to students. He also urged schools to increase student enrollment in government institutions and encouraged children to attend school regularly.

Larkana University holds seminar on guava fruit fly control and biological prevention

By Irfan Morio

DOKRI: In collaboration with the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, a research seminar was organized at the Faculty of Agriculture, Larkana University, focusing on the attack of the guava fruit fly and biological prevention strategies.

nawaz Khuro, Dr. Abdul Hamid Memon, Dr. Abdul Hanan Burro, and Dr. Muhammad Haroon Hullo, emphasized the detrimental effects of chemical usage on crops and plants. They pointed out that Pakistan, being an agricultural country, suffers because its rice, wheat, and fruits are laden with chemicals, rendering them of little value internationally.

Three killed, two injured in different TMK road accidents

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A tragic incident occurred near the Ganjra stop on Lakhat Road in Tando Muhammad Khan when a speeding tractor-trolley ran over a motorcycle.

government hospital. Meanwhile, the tractor driver managed to flee the scene, and police are currently searching for him. After necessary procedures, the body was taken by the family to their village. The deceased was reported to be from the Moya area of Tando Ghulam Hyder. In another accident on Shaikh Bharkio Main Road near the Drighi Mor stop, two motorcycles collided head-on, resulting in the death of 55-year-old Haji Manganhar.

Corpse of missing youth found

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: In Thul, the body of a missing youth, Munir son of Younis Pahore, has been discovered in a fish pond near the boundary of the B-Section police station. The young man had gone missing three days ago while heading to the city, and his family had expressed concerns about a possible abduction.

tify the family. The body was found unclothed and has been transferred to the local hospital for a post-mortem examination. The police have stated that further investigation into the matter is ongoing.

Criminals successfully prosecuted in Tando Allahyar

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Under the directives of SSP Tando Allahyar, Abrez Ali Abbasi, significant progress has been made in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving criminals, leading to successful convictions.

Sultanabad police station, crime number 46/2021, the accused has been sentenced to 7 years in prison and fined 50,000 PKR. Three years ago, the SHO of Sultanabad initiated action, arresting the accused, Anif alias Aarb son of Arsalan Khan Jaffari, and seizing an illegal pistol along with four cartridges, leading to the registration of a case and subsequent investigation. Based on a thorough investigation, the Additional and Sessions Judge of Tando Allahyar found the accused guilty, resulting in the 7-year sentence and the fine. This outcome has significantly increased public trust in the police and judiciary.

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State Minister Fahd Haroon And Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong Discuss Cooperation Initiatives



ISLAMABAD: Following the successful visit of Chinese Premier H.E. Li Qiang to Pakistan, a productive meeting took place between H.E. Jiang Zaidong, the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, and Mr. Fahd Haroon, Minister of State/Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Media, along with their teams.

Saif Issues Warning To Government Over Unlawful Treatment Of PTI Workers

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Adviser Barrister Saif on Saturday blamed the federal government for arresting the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers for something "they didn't even commit."



Responding to Federal Information Minister Federal Information Minister Atta Tarar's allegations of accusing the PTI workers of attacking police vans, Saif blamed the government for fuelling lies.

He pointed out contradictions between the statements of the federal minister and police, adding that no incident of firing or baton-charging occurred. "Atta Tarar should tell why Attock bound van was turned towards Islamabad. Why were arrested PTI workers being roamed around on the roads," he deplored. He said the government would have to face criticism once the truth was revealed after transparent investigations.—RT/Agency

Ayaz Sadiq: October 27 Will Be Remembered As A Black Day In History



ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, said on Saturday that October 27th serves as a day to highlight India's forcible occupation of Kashmir and the atrocities committed against the Kashmiri people.

Pakistan Sends 13th Aid Shipment To Gaza And Lebanon

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday sent the 13th aid shipment to the war-torn regions of Gaza and Lebanon.



According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) spokesperson, the ceremony of sending the aid was held in Islamabad. The ceremony was attended by Palestinian Ambassador Ahmed Rabaie, Barrister Aqeel Malik and representatives of NDMA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Pakistan Army.

The aid shipment comprises 100 tons of family blankets and tents. The NDMA had sent 1,381 tons of aid so far. Ten shipments have made for Gaza and two for Lebanon.—RT/Agency

Corporate Agriculture Farming In Pakistan

By Bagh Ali Abro

The agriculture sector plays a crucial role in Pakistan's economy, contributing 21% to GDP and employing 44% of the labor force. However, the sector's productivity lags behind global and regional standards. Experts believe that Pakistan can enhance agricultural output both vertically (increasing yields) and horizontally (expanding cultivated land), with the potential to double the current cultivable area of 9.4 million acres of wasteland.

policy, limited research and development, restricted credit access, and inefficient resource management. Sindh province, with its favorable climate, can grow various crops, including wheat, rice, cotton, sugarcane, and fruits like mango and citrus. Developing cultivable wastelands presents opportunities for increased production. Currently, Pakistan spends approximately \$1.9 billion annually on importing food items, indicating a significant domestic market opportunity and potential for exports.

In response to these challenges, the Government of Pakistan introduced Corporate Agriculture Farming (CAF) in 2001-2002. The policy aims to enhance efficiency, expand cultivation, and attract investment and technology, ultimately boosting revenue and exports. Corporate agriculture involves large-scale food production integrated with processing and marketing. This model contrasts with family farming, as it encompasses a broader range of agricultural service. The transition to corporate agriculture could transform Pakistan's agricultural landscape, addressing food security and sovereignty challenges while boosting economic growth. By fostering partnerships with foreign corporations and investing in local labor and technology, Pakistan can unlock its agricultural potential and enhance its global market position.

DEO Abdul Sami Bhanbhro, TEO Shamsuddin Laghari visit schools



By Azhar Ali Kubar

SETHARJA: In a surprise inspection at Government Boys High School Mehar Weesar, District Education Officer (Secondary) Khairpur, Abdul Sami Bhanbhro, along with Taluka Education Officer (Secondary) Mirwah, Shamsuddin Laghari, found nine teachers absent during assembly. Show-cause notices were issued to the absent teachers. During the visit, the attendance of students was also noted to be low, and the overall performance of both students and teachers was assessed. The inspection included checks on school records and infrastructure, along with a Q&A session with students. Abdul Sami Bhanbhro emphasized that efforts are ongoing to improve education in Khairpur district, and ensuring teacher attendance is a priority.

CENTRAL PUNJAB

114th GWMC Board Of Directors Meeting Convened

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: 114th meeting of GWMC Board of Directors chaired by Chairman Gujranwala Waste Management Company Chaudhry Kashif Ismail Gujar, 10-point agenda was presented, 05 agenda was approved. According to the details, 114th meeting was held at GWMC headquarters. Chairman Gujranwala Waste Management Company Kashif Ismail Gujar, Chief Executive Officer, Shahid Abbas Jota, Board Member Imran Tarar, Company Secretary Khurram Shahzad, Chief Finance Officer Azhar Abbas Cheema, Senior Manager Operations Zameer Mush-taq, Manager Procurement



Ahmed Khurshid, Manager MIS Abdul Waheed and others of the company. (Approval of the minutes of the 111th, 112th and 113th meeting of the Board of Directors, review of the financial reports for the financial year 2023-24 and approval of recommendations, re-appointment of auditors of GWMC, supervision of outsourcing of Department of Local Government and Community Development Control room for monitoring solid waste management services. Budget allocation for establishment was approved. Out of the agenda presented in the meeting, the 04-point agenda was sent to the procurement committee, it will be approved in the light of the recommendations of the committee

DC Muhammad Naeem Sindhu Leads Meeting Of District Prisoners Health Council

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A meeting of the District Prisoners Health Council was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu. In this meeting, a detailed review of the health facilities available to prisoners in the district jail was conducted. CEO Health Dr. Kashif Mehmood Kamboh, MS DHQ Dr. Kashif Bajwa, Superintendent Jail, and other officers were present. The Deputy Commissioner directed that medical facilities should be provided to prisoners in accordance with the SOPs issued by the Primary and Secondary Healthcare and Home Department. He emphasized that the District Health Authority should continue its support in providing medical facilities to prisoners in the district jail, and regular medical camps should be organized at the district jail.



World Polio Prevention Day celebrated in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: World Polio Prevention Day was observed in Badin, mirroring celebrations across the country. Under the leadership of District Health Officer Dr. Anjum Soomro, an awareness walk was held from the health office to the Civil Hospital. Shahryar Habib and others noted that this year's theme is "Global Mission to Reach Every Child," aimed at eradicating polio worldwide. Participants highlighted the importance of vaccination in eliminating the virus and committed to working together, particularly to reach at-risk populations, to ensure a polio-free future. A significant number of concerned officers, NGO representatives, social leaders, and citizens participated in the awareness walk.

EDITORIAL

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Let's make Pakistan and Pakistan Cricket great again!

Pakistan's stunning series victory against England on home soil marks a significant milestone for the nation's cricket team. After a gap of three years, the series win not only reinstates Pakistan's dominance on its home turf but also highlights the immense talent and resilience present in our cricketer ranks. To win a Test match is a formidable challenge, but to claim a series against a powerhouse like England is truly a testament to the skills and spirit of the team.

The win was spearheaded by the brilliant performances of spinners Noman Ali and Sajid Khan. Together, they ripped through

England's batting order, dismissing them for a mere 112 runs in the final Test. Noman's remarkable 6-42 and Sajid's 4-69



were instrumental in sealing the nine-wicket victory in Rawalpindi. This pair, who were brought in after a disheartening first Test loss, turned the series around, claiming a combined 39 wickets in the last two matches.

Special praise is due to Shan Masood, who led the side with confidence and ag-

gression. His quick-fire 23 not out, including a spectacular six to finish the match, underlined the attacking mindset that defined Pakistan's approach throughout the series.

This victory sends a clear message: Pakistan is not lacking in cricketering talent. Despite previous setbacks, the team's ability to regroup and overcome a tough opponent like England shows promise for the future of Pakistani cricket. With consistent performances, Pakistan is well on its way to reclaiming its rightful place among the cricketering elites. Congratulations to the team and the fans who stood by them — this is a moment to cherish.



Sacrifices of Palestinians and Lebanese people will bear fruit: Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi

By Dilzar Samo

TANDO ADAM: Quaid-e-Millat Jaffaria Pakistan, Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi, stated that sacrifices will bear fruit, and the brave Palestinians and Lebanese will not only emerge victorious but also see the liberation of Jerusalem. Expressing deep sorrow over the martyrdom of the prominent Lebanese religious and political figure, Syed Hashim Safi al-Din, he conveyed condolences to the martyr's family and the Lebanese people, emphasizing that during these challenging times, the people of Pakistan stand in solidarity with their Lebanese and Palestinian brothers. In his message of condolence, he further stated that the sacrifices of martyrs such as Ismail Haniyeh, Hassan Nasrallah, Yahya al-Sinwar, and



now Syed Hashim Safi al-Din, along with thousands of others, will ultimately lead to the freedom of Jerusalem and the land of the prophets. He asserted that the freedom struggle will soon reach its destination, with clouds of fear hanging over imperialism and Zionism.

He added that under the patronage of imperialism, the illegal Zionist state has jeopardized global peace, committing severe violations of

international laws, UN charter, and human rights in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria. These actions have been so oppressive and diabolical that it is challenging to find parallels in history. He warned that if the atrocities of this illegal Zionist state continue, no one will remain safe from their repercussions. Therefore, he urged the world to wake up and rein in imperialism and its offspring.

Badah's civil society protests against open sale of drugs



By Ibrahim Farooqui

BADAH: The youth in Badah are facing dire consequences as drug abuse escalates. Due to the incompetence of the administration and collusion with drug dealers, narcotics are now openly sold like vegetables in Badah and surrounding areas. This has led to thousands of young people, including children and teenagers, becoming addicted to this deadly disease, causing entire villages and cities to fall into despair. The people of Badah and neighboring villages are engulfed in

hopelessness. Despite multiple protests organized by political, social, and religious figures, the administration remains unresponsive. Community leaders, including Muhammad Ali Khushk and Mir Murtaza Gopang, expressed to the media that the youth are on the brink of destruction due to drug addiction. This rampant substance abuse has led many young people to commit thefts in their neighborhoods. The local people demanded of the higher authorities to take notice of the matter, other Badah and neighboring villages are engulfed in

IBA Sukkur launches tree plantation campaign, holds training session at GHS Wikia Sangi

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A ceremony titled "Green Sindh, Green Pakistan" was organized at Government High School Wikia Sangi, supervised by the IBA University. The event was attended by key officials, including Director of School Education (Elementary, Secondary, and Higher Secondary) Region Larkana Syed Safdar Ali Shah, Assistant Commissioner Larkana Raja Qureshi, Divisional Forest Officer Arshad Hubdar Kamario, District Compliance Manager Aijaz Ali Chandio, Headmaster Shazam Hussain Sangi,

Incharge Noor Ahmed Sangi, UC Vice Chairman Abdullah Sangi, and School Manager Farooq Ahmed, among many others, who participated in planting environmentally friendly trees. Guests emphasized the importance of trees for human life, noting that they help combat rising temperatures due to climate change and prevent environmental degradation. The school administration played a commendable role in this tree-planting initiative. Additionally, a training session for teachers from Government Boys Primary School Dhamra, Government Girls Primary School Dhamra, and

Government Boys Primary School Wikia Sangi was also held. The session focused on children's mental health, where trainer Rafiq Ahmed Bhangar discussed various issues faced by children who are anxious about attending school. He stressed the need for teachers to pay special attention to these children to foster their interest in learning. At the end of the training session, Director of School Education Syed Safdar Ali Shah, Assistant Commissioner Raja Qureshi, and other participating officials distributed certificates to the attending teachers.

RHC Daulatpur takes out a polio awareness walk



By Aijaz Johkio

DAULATPUR: An event was held at the Rural Health Center Daulatpur to raise awareness about the polio virus, during which the announcement for the anti-polio campaign was made. This campaign will run

from October 28 to November 3. The event was inaugurated by the special guest, Dr. Rabel Khanzada. On this occasion, the area in-charge of the polio campaign, Zulfiqar Arain, Nauman Ali Khanzada, and lady health workers were only through cooperation can we protect innocent children.

Funeral prayers of martyred policeman held with full honors in Shahdadkot



SHAHDADKOT: Late last night, during an encounter with armed assailants, policeman Syed Gada Hussain Shah was martyred. His body was handed over to his family with full police honors. The funeral prayer was held at the Eidgah, where a salute was given to the martyred officer. The funeral and salute were attended by SSP Qam-

bar Shahdadkot Muhammad Kaleem Malik, DC Qambar Shahdadkot Sajad Haider Qadri, DSP Shahdadkot Sanauallah Siyal, SHO Akhtar Abro and Abdul Majid Narejo, along with hundreds of citizens. The atmosphere in Shahdadkot remains somber following the incident. SSP Qambar Shahdadkot Muhammad Kaleem Malik stated that the sacrifices of the martyred officer will not go in vain, and those involved in the crime will be brought to justice. Additionally, following the incident, police have conducted raids at various locations and made several arrests, the names of which are being kept confidential. —RT

Badin Police continue crackdown against drug dealers

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: On the directives of SSP Badin Sheeraz Nazir, a series of actions against drug dealers are being conducted across the district. According to details, Inspector Manzoor Ahmed Jamali, the SHO of Talhar Police Station, arrested a hashish dealer, Jawad Jamali, during a patrol operation. Another suspect, Imran, managed to flee the scene. A case has been registered against Jawad under the Narcotics Act at the Talhar

police station. Sub-Inspector Manzoor Ahmed Nuhri, the SHO of Pangrio Police Station, along with his team, apprehended gutka sellers Dado Chandio and Dildar Tangri, recovering 440 sachets from them. Additionally, Jamila Kand was arrested with six packets of gutka, various identity cards and 300 rupees in cash. At Kario Ghanwar Police Station, SHO Sub-Inspector Bilawal Khaskheli arrested gutka seller Aftab Shah, while his accomplice Razzak

Naukot man protests against his disobedient sons



By Mushahid Nuhrio

NAUKOT: In Naukot, a peasant has staged a protest against his disobedient sons, who allegedly wish to take over the family land and have expelled him from his home, issuing life threats. Ghulam Mustafa Bhatti, a resident of village Fazal Bhanbhro, expressed his grievances before journalists, stating that his sons, Taj Muhammad, Ameen Muhammad, and Raza Muhammad, have become disobedient due to bad company. Under the influence of powerful individuals, they want to sell the land and take over the house.

When he refused, they threatened to demolish his home and issued death threats. He mentioned that his sons, in collusion with others, have already sold parts of the house and now want to sell the remaining land. After he refused, they repeatedly threatened him. He reported that when he sought justice at the local police station, the cops demanded a bribe, which he refused to pay, leading to further disregard for his complaint. Ghulam Mustafa has appealed to the SSP Mirpurkhas to take action against his sons and provide him with protection over the house.

Shahdadpur Bar Association demands action against drug dealers

By Sajjan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: In Shahdadpur, civil society members took to the streets to protest against social evils, particularly the drug trade. They demanded action from SSP Sanghar, warning that if police do not rectify the situation within 15 days, they will initiate a shut-down strike.



At a press conference, Shahdadpur Bar Association President Advocate Ghulam Mustafa Soomro, along with other activists, including Advocate Tariq Mehmood Arain, Advocate Fayaz Khaskheli, and local leaders, condemned the inaction of the police and SSP Sanghar for their silence regarding rising drug issues. The speakers high-

lighted that dangerous drugs like ice are being openly sold, leading to the deterioration of the hashish, gambling, and other illegal activities. They noted an increase in crimes across the district, including opium, the deterioration of the hashish, gambling, and other illegal activities. The younger generation.

SPORTS



PCB Chief Hails Unity And Teamwork As Keys To Pakistan's Triumph Over England



LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi has described the "much awaited" home series victory against England after a gap of three years result of unity and teamwork, pledging that top performers would be encouraged as players central contract to be given a final shape soon.

"Better late than never," said Naqvi after meeting the players celebrating their first Test series victory on home soil since 2021.

"I have stressed the teamwork from the very first day and today, we are witnessing the result. Our team has done hard work, fought well, and emerged victorious," he said and congratulated all players and management.

"It was a much needed victory for our team and nation," said the PCB chief and

Pakistan Shocks England, Secures Historic Home Test Series Win After Over Three Years

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan's rawlings outclassed England's batting lineup on Saturday, sealing a 2-1 victory in the three-match Test series and marking a long-awaited home triumph.

The Green Shirts had been on the ascendancy since claiming a handy first-innings lead of 77 on a track where spinners from both sides dominated.



Noman Ali (6-42) and Sajid Khan (4-69) bunched out England for a paltry 112 in their second innings to leave Pakistan needing only 36 to win the series.

Pakistan lost the wicket of Saim Ayub before wrapping up victory on day three of the contest.

Resuming their second innings at 24-3, England collapsed against Pakistan's

lethal spin attack led by Noman and Sajid, who took all 10 wickets between them. Joo Root was the top scorer with 33 in an otherwise dismal English performance on a spinning track. Pakistan swiftly chased down the target in just 31 overs, with skipper Shan Masood (23*) sealing the win to clinch the three-match series. During the match, Noman and Sajid claimed 19 of the 20 English wickets while Pakistan did not use their lone seamer Amir Jamal at all in the match in a stark indication of how spin-friendly the surface was. "Like London buses, they come together," said Masood while referring to their back-to-back wins in the series. "The first win came after a long time and it was backed up by a series win. It's special," he remarked. "To be here and standing as the winning team, it's the most special thing for us [...] So many characters in this series and everyone has chipped in," added the captain. Sajid, who finished with a 10-wicket match haul, was adjudged player of the series. He and Noman claimed 39 of the 40 English wickets in the last two Tests since their selection after the series opener. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Saud Shakeel was adjudged player of the match for hitting the lone hundred in the spin-dominated contest.—Agency

Hafeez Applauds Sajid And Noman, Attributes Victory To New Selection Committee

LAHORE: Former Pakistan captain and team director Mohammad Hafeez has extended heartfelt congratulations to the national team for their impressive 2-1 series victory over England. Hafeez praised Pakistan's resilience and skill, which culminated in a dominant 9-wicket win in the series decider.



This series win marks a pivotal moment for Pakistan, who last won a home Test series over three and a half years ago. After a shaky start with a loss in the first Test, the national team rebounded impressively, a turnaround Hafeez attributed to the bold decisions by Pakistan's new selection panel. On social media, he shared his admiration for the team's comeback, emphasizing the positive impact of new selectors and applauding their commitment to make "strong decisions" and take responsibility.

"Congratulations team Pakistan on winning a home Test series after more than three years. Well done," Hafeez posted, adding that "Credit to new selectors to turn the table around. Making strong decisions & taking responsibility. Well done."

In a special acknowledgment, the former all-rounder praised the standout domestic performers such as Noman Ali, Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel, Kamran Ghulam, and Shan Masood, who have consistently proven themselves on the domestic circuit. He noted that these players not only shone during the series but also reaffirmed the importance of strong domestic foundations in Pakistan cricket.

"Two faces Sajid Khan & Noman Ali with star impactful performances brought home series win for Pakistan after more than 3 years. More importantly their performances exposed many faces..." suggesting the role of domestic excellence in maintaining competitive standards on the international stage.—Agency

Nasser Hussain Lauds Pakistan's Tactics, Declares 'Bazball Kryptonite' Discovered



Former England captain Nasser Hussain has commended Pakistan for their impressive performance during their recent series triumph over England, declaring that the team has "found the kryptonite to Bazball." Hussain's remarks come in the wake of England's disappointing nine-wicket defeat, which occurred before lunch on the third day of the decisive Test match, where they were bowled out for a mere 112 runs.

"Pakistan clinched victory in a swift 19 balls, with captain Shan Masood hitting a spectacular six to seal the win. This decisive outcome followed England's remarkable first Test performance, where they posted a colossal score of 823 for seven declared on a flat Multan pitch. However, the team struggled on the spinning tracks in the latter two Tests, leading to their series loss.

In his analysis on Sky Sports, the former England skipper praised Pakistan for making necessary changes following their six-match losing streak, a period that included Masood's challenging tenure as captain.

Skipper Shan Masood Relishes Gritty, Hard-Fought Victory Against England

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan captain Shan Masood on Saturday heaped praise on his colleagues saying the national side showed tremendous character to register back-to-back victories against England and win their first Test series on home soil since 2021.



Coming from an innings defeat in the series opener, Pakistan levelled the series in Multan before arriving in Rawalpindi where they rolled out a raging turner.

For Pakistan, spin twins Noman Ali and Sajid Khan claimed 19 of the 20 English wickets to secure a nine-wicket win that also secured their 2-1 series victory.

Expanding on the win, Masood said, "Like London buses, they come together. The first win came after a long time and it was backed up by a series win. It's special."

After losing the opener, Pakistan took a bold selection call by dropping three frontline players - batter Babar Azam and the pace duo of Naseem Shah and Shaheen Afridi.

Sajid and Noman were brought in and the duo claimed 39 of the 40 English wickets in the last two Tests, apart from producing useful cameos with the bat, to vindicate the move.

Sajid with his chin while batting on Friday and had to change his bloodied shirt but returned on Saturday to spin a web around the English batters. "For everyone to stand up and give their best means a lot," said Shan, who sealed Pakistan's victory with a six off England spinner Shoaib Bashir.—Agency

India Stunned At Home, Loses Test Series To New Zealand For First Time In 12 Years

PUNE: India collapsed to a humiliating series defeat at home, their first for 12 years, when they were bowled out for 245 by New Zealand in their chase of 359 on the third day of the second test on Saturday as Mitchell Santner took six wickets.



Santner ended with 6-104 for a match haul of 13 to set up the historic win and it was his senior spin partner Ajaz Patel who picked up the last two Indian wickets, including Ravindra Jadeja for a defiant 42, to settle the contest.

It was a stunning defeat for India, who were dismantled by eight wickets in seamer-friendly conditions in the opening match at Bengaluru, as they suffered their first series loss on home soil since falling to England in 2012.

Their proud run of 18 successive home series wins since that 2-1 humbling was ended by the inspired Black Caps, who were by far the better side in both matches and will target a clean sweep in the finale at Mumbai from Friday.

India's highest successful run chase at home is the 387-4 they scored to beat England in Chennai in 2008 but any hopes of a similar effort faded on the black-soil turner at Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium where spinners wreaked havoc.

They made a blazing start as Yashvi Jaisswal snacked some spectacular boundaries, but his dismissal for 77 by Santner and Rishabh Pant's shocking run out for a duck after lunch left India in deep trouble at 127-4.

Santner, who had earlier removed Rohit Sharma for eight and Shubman Gill for 23, continued to torment India as the left-arm spinner trapped trump card Virat Kohli lbw for 17 and set the alarms bells ringing in the home changing room.

Sarfraz Khan was unable to recreate his batting heroics from the opening match, perishing for nine after missing a low delivery from Santner to hand the bowler back-to-back five-wicket hauls.

The shoulders really dropped when Washington Sundar fell for 21 to Glenn Phillips late in the afternoon session and Santner had Ravichandran Ashwin caught for a solid 18 as India were staring down the barrel at 206-8.—Agency

ATP Stunner: Ben Shelton Overthrows Andrey Rublev To Advance To Basel Semis

Sixth-seeded Ben Shelton won all eight break points in the match and emerged with a 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-4 upset of top-seeded Russian Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals of the Swiss Indoors Basel.



Shelton saved all six break points he faced and converted each of his two break chances -- one to end the first set, the other for a 5-4 lead in the third set. He closed out the match with a service-game win at love.

Next up for Shelton is a semifinal match against seventh-seeded Arthur Fils of France, who beat third-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece 7-6 (5), 6-3. Fils never faced a break point in the match.

The other semifinal will feature fourth-seeded Holger Rune of Denmark and Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard of France. Rune downed Belgium's David Goffin 6-2, 6-4, and France's Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard edged Canada's Denis Shapovalov 6-7 (7), 6-3, 7-6 (3).

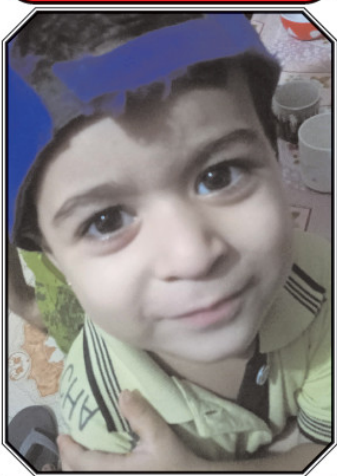
Sixth-seeded Lorenzo Musetti of Italy rallied for a 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory over top-seeded Alexander Zverev of Germany in the quarterfinals at Vienna 6-1, 6-4.—Agency

Down 3-0 in the second-set tiebreaker and on the verge of being eliminated, Musetti won the next three points and eventually leveled the match. He then took the first three games of the final set to pull away.

Seventh-seeded Jack Draper of Great Britain will oppose Musetti in the semifinals after defeating the Czech Republic's Tomas Machac 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Second-seeded Alex de Minaur of Australia registered a comeback against the Czech Republic's Jakub Mensik, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4. In the semifinals, de Minaur will face Russia's Karen Khachanov, who routed Italy's Matteo Berrettini 6-1, 6-4.—Agency

Kids' Corner

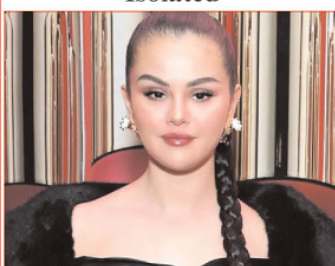


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ENTERTAINMENT

Selena Gomez Shares Vital Advice For Those Feeling Isolated



Selena Gomez shared a rare insight on companionship and having a person you can put trust on.

On Thursday, October 24, at the Rare Impact Fund Benefit at Studios West in Los Angeles, the Calm Down singer opened up about her regime of protecting her mental health.

"Try not to isolate," Gomez told People Magazine exclusively.

"She went on to say, 'I think it's important to have moments alone. But when you isolate, sometimes those feelings can just stay bottled up.'"

The Only Murders in the Building star advised that "it's best to 'find one person to trust and tell your heart to' - and make sure 'you can actually trust them with that information.'"

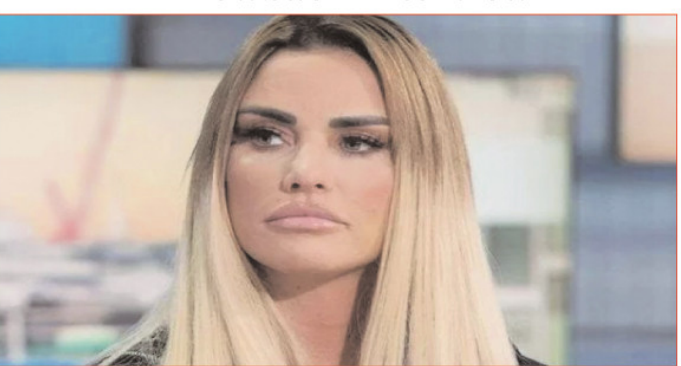
"It really does help to share," Gomez concluded.

Moreover, at the event, she revealed that when she feels the most beautiful.

"I feel most beautiful when I wake up," she told the outlet.

"Because I get to wake up to my sister [Gracie] or I get to wake up to my grandparents. Any of that just makes me feel pretty," Gomez added.

Katie Price Opens Up About Her 'Biggest' Career Regret In A Candid Throwback Interview



Katie Price revealed her major career move that she regrets in a throwback interview.

In the interview with Metro back in 2012, the mother-of-five was asked what the biggest regrets in her career was.

"Eurovision," the 46-year-old former model responded.

She went on to say, "I sounded awful on the night. I know I'd have qualified if it hadn't come out that I was pregnant."

"I don't watch it any more. It's all a big con. We'll never win it again, will we?"

Her remarks hint at the model's participation in the live TV show Eurovision: Making Your Mind Up, where the British public voted for which performer they wanted to represent the UK for the 2005 contest in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Katie, who donned a hot-pink, rubber catsuit while heavily pregnant, sang Not Just Anybody, written by professionals behind hits including Darius's Colourblind.

The model, who has had a staggering 17 breast augmentations, came second in the contest, losing to Javine Hylton, and received 101 points in the contest.

Moreover, Katie is dating 31-year-old Married at First Sight star JJ Slater.

She was previously married to Kieran Hayler, who was nine years younger than her. Price's second husband Alex Reid was just three years older than her.

REGIONAL TIMES

THE HEARTLAND



Dr. Qadir Magsi offers condolences and discusses prevailing political issues

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: In a visit to the village of Bacho Halipoto, Dr. Qadir Magsi, Chairman of the Sindh Tarjimas Party, expressed his condolences on the death of Ghulam Mustafa Halipoto's uncle, Darya Khan Halipoto, and prayed for his forgiveness. Afterwards, while speaking to journalists at the residence of Dilbar Sindhi in Tando Bago, Dr. Magsi stated that amendments to the 1973 Constitution have been made to benefit a select few, leading the country toward anarchy. He accused the federal government, with the backing of President Asif Zardari, of plotting to extract



new canals and steal water from the Indus River, against which they will hold protests in various cities on October 30, November 9, and November 20. He emphasized the need for all nationalist organizations to unite in their struggle to save the Indus River's water, as Sindh is being cornered from multiple fronts. He urged every nationalist party to form separate fronts.

MPA Sajid Ali Bambhan inaugurates development projects



By Bashir Shaikh

HANDIARI PPP MPA Sajid Ali Bambhan inaugurated various development projects in different areas of the Thari Mirwah Tehsil. The inaugurated projects include the link roads from Handiari to Rasoolpur, from Malik Chaudhry to Tando Mir Ali, and from Mahar Weesar to Bozdar Wada. Speaking to the media, MPA Bambhan emphasized that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is a party for the people, always

striving to uplift the underprivileged. He stated that development work has commenced in Thari Mirwah and assured that projects will soon start in the remaining areas. The inauguration ceremony was attended by notable figures including Mir Chanesar, Javed Memon, Rabnawaz Amir, Haji Alidad Jogi, Karimdad Jalalani, Faqir Intiaz Lashari, Naseem Abbas Lashari, Tanveer Dasti, Mir Hassan Shar, Shamshad Shar, and Rehan Jogi, among others.

Kachhi community protests against Jhol Police's injustice

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Members of the Kachhi community, both men and women, held a protest in front of the Tando Allahyar Press Club against the injustices perpetrated by the Jhol police. During the protest, Dr. Hira Lal Kachhi, Shah Das Kachhi, Madhav Kachhi, Manchi Patel, Madhan Ram, Prem Kachhi, Jai Mal Kachhi, and Diyon Kachhi expressed their grievances to the media, stating that the Jhol police unjustly arrested their youth, Chandar Kachhi, and filed a false case against him. They explained that Chandar, who works in the fields, was returning from Karachi when he was taken into custody by the Jhol police and subsequently went missing. Dr. Hira Lal Kachhi, who has been implicated in a false case by the Tando Adam police. The protesters claimed that the Jhol police demanded a hefty bribe for his release, questioning how poor individuals like them could afford such amounts. They further alleged that the police subjected Chandar to brutal torture. The community members called on high-ranking officials, including the IG Sindh, DIG Hyderabad, SSP Sanghar, and SSP Tando Allahyar, to release Chandar Kachhi, dismiss the false charges against him, and ensure justice for the minority community. They warned that if their demands were not met, they would escalate their protest.

Report In Dr. Shahnawaz's Murder Case Investigation Released

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: In Mirpurkhas, the complete investigation report of the Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar murder case, compiled by the IG Sindh, has been made public. The report includes statements from 21 police officers, 3 senior officers, 4 hotel staff, and relatives of Dr. Shahnawaz. Among the officers interviewed are former DIG Javed Sonharo Jiskani, former SSP Mirpurkhas Chaudhry Asad Ali, and former SSP Umerkot Asif Raza Baloch. During the report's release, many people gathered with flowers, indicating they came to congratulate the SHO Sindhri, according to Javed Jiskani's statement. Dr. Shahnawaz Kumbhar was reportedly set on fire by individuals in Umerkot and was subsequently placed under the protection of Mirpurkhas police.

The SSP Umerkot stated that this transfer was for his safety. Sub-Inspector Abdul Sattar Samo mentioned that Dr. Shahnawaz was arrested from a hotel in Karachi and handed over to Mirpurkhas police upon the orders of the SHO Sindhri stated that while they were checking at a stop near Sindhri, two individuals on a motorcycle attempted to flee. The report indicated that Dr. Shahnawaz was shot due to crossfire. The committee report formed by the IG Sindh has already led the Sindh government to declare the police encounter as fake. The family has also filed a murder case against the police. The Sindh High Court in Mirpurkhas rejected petitions from the police and Pir Umar Jan Sarhandi to dismiss the FIR filed by the family, thus maintaining the FIR. The High Court has ordered the investigation to be handed over to the FIA, revoking the police's jurisdiction. A post-mortem report conducted after exhuming Dr. Shahnawaz's body revealed broken bones in his shoulder and five fractured ribs. Additionally, the report indicated burns on his skin, hair, feet, and both hands. In this case, Pir Umar Jan Sarhandi, SSP Asif Raza Baloch, and CIA officials have been granted interim bail.

Commemorative ceremony for Pir Taj Din Shah held in TMK



By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: The Ilm-o-Adab Academy of Pakistan, Tando Muhammad Khan district, organized a prestigious event at the shrine of Bibi Badshahzadi in memory of Pir Taj Din Shah Turai Shamsi. The ceremony was presided over by the esteemed patron of the Academy, Syed Fatah Ali Shah Shamsi. Special guests included Syed Mehrban Ali Shah, Chairman of the Ilm-o-Adab Academy of Pakistan, and Syed Salal Shah Bukhari, President of the Academy's Tando Muhammad Khan chapter. Syed Fatah Ali Shah Shamsi welcomed the distinguished guests and presented them with Ajrak, a traditional Sindhii shawl, symbolizing the region's rich culture.

Fifth Latif Literature And Music Festival Held At Sindh Agriculture University

Hyderabad: The Siraj Institute of Sindh Studies (SISS) hosted the fifth Latif Literature and Music Festival at Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam. In her inaugural speech, former Sindh Language Authority chairperson Dr. Fahmida Hussain emphasized the need to reinterpret Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai's poetry in light of modern life. She also highlighted the contributions of Siraj ul Haq Memon to education and literature.



The event featured the launch of two significant Sindhii books: Shahir Kanbar's research work "Sindhii Likhat aien Siraj," focused on Memon's linguistic efforts, and Dr. Fahmida Hussain's short story collection "Kundihi Kiyun Wich Me." Renowned Sindhii writer Taj Jairo praised Kanbar's digitalization efforts for the Sindhii language while noting that further work is needed. Dr. Nabi Bakhsh Baloch echoed Memon's assertion that Sindhii is the region's language. Chief guest Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marji, Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture University, noted the festival's goal of modernizing Shah Latif's messages and announced the establishment of the Siraj Institute of Rural Development in Memon's honor. Sindh Labor Minister Shahid Thahim congratulated the organizers on a successful event. A panel discussion moderated by Kainat Thebo focused on "Shah Latif's Messages to the Youth," with participants advocating for themes of struggle, peace, and brotherhood. The festival also welcomed renowned actor Ayub Khoso and noted Urdu writer Ghazi Salahuddin-RT.

GGHS Little Folks organizes STEAM Program for students

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) program was successfully organized at the Government Girls High School Little Folks, Larkana. This event aimed to foster innovation and creativity among students through interactive learning in STEAM subjects. The esteemed Director Schools Education ES&HS Larkana Region Syed Saifur Ali Shah along with Regional Director Colleges Professor Atif Hussain Abro, DEO ES&HS Gulbarga Magi graced the occasion as the chief guest. His presence was a great source of motivation for the students and staff alike. The program featured a series of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and presentations designed to encourage young girls to explore careers in STEAM fields, emphasizing the importance of education in shaping their future. The initiative highlighted the government's commitment to promoting quality education and empowering students with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Principal Government Girls High School Little Folks Rukhsana Naz Soomro, Senior Teachers Kehkashan Nisar Shaikh, Shazia Soomro, Afshan Maqsi, Parveen Soomro was also present.



Thari Mirwah Police recover stolen cash and gold



By M Iqbal Soomro

THARI MIRWAH: DSP Thari Mirwah, Ghulam Mustafa Rajput, and SHO Thari Mirwah, Musavir Qureshi, held a press conference at the Thari Mirwah police station to inform journalists about recent police actions. Following orders from SSP Khairpur, Dr. Samiullah Soomro, a police team acted on a tip-off and recovered stolen cash amounting to 8.5 lac rupees and three tolas of gold from Thari Mirwah. DSP Mustafa Hussain Rajput stated that efforts are being made to improve law and order, and police patrols have been increased.

Meeting held to discuss upcoming Polio Eradication Campaign in Sanghar

By Khuda Dino Kachhai

SANGHAR: Irshad Ahmed Sohder, in charge of the Provincial Emergency Operations Center for Polio, and team leader Ahmed Ali Shaikh from the Sindh Emergency Operations Center met with Deputy Commissioner Sanghar Dr. Imran-ul-Hasan Khawaja in his office today. They discussed their thoughts on the upcoming polio eradication campaign. During the meeting, Dr. Imran-ul-Hasan Khawaja briefed them on the overall situation in Sanghar district. The provincial emergency operations officers expressed satisfaction, noting that, unfortunately, one case has been reported, but the district administration's performance has improved. They emphasized that all focus should now be directed toward ensuring the success of the upcoming campaign and involving people from all walks of life in this national effort to effectively carry out the polio eradication initiative. Also present at the meeting were Assistant Commissioner Sanghar Shafique Ahmed Arif, District Health Officer Dr. Daulat Ferooq, Aftab Ahmed, and others.

Seminar held in Dadu to express solidarity with Kashmiris

By Javed Laghari

DADU: The Government Degree College Dadu, led by Professor Bukhari, observed October 27 as a day of solidarity with Kashmiris, marking it as a national unity and black day. A seminar was organized, attended by students, teachers, and college staff to express solidarity with the people of Kashmir. In his address, Professor Muhammad Irfan Kalhoro stated that Kashmir is an inseparable part of Pakistan and condemned the atrocities committed by India against Kashmiris. He emphasized that Pakistan will continue its moral, political, and diplomatic support for the Kashmiris, calling on the United Nations to intervene and end the oppression inflicted by the Indian military. He urged the Government of Pakistan and the Pakistan Army to respond decisively to violations and conspiracies against the Line of Control (LoC) by India. Professor Qazi Sikandar remarked that the Muslim community faces open fronts globally and questioned the silence of the United Nations. He asserted that the primary reason for this silence is the lack of unity among Muslims, stating that without coming together, issues such as the liberation of Kashmir, Palestine, and the problems faced by Bosnian Muslims will remain unresolved. Professor Habib Ali Shah described Kashmir as a paradise on earth, criticizing the hypocrisy in the economic allocations made there. He highlighted that the majority of Kashmiris wish to remain with Pakistan and called for adherence to the United Nations charter, demanding the right to self-determination for Kashmiris. The seminar saw active participation from college staff and teachers. Professor Sohail Ahmed urged Islamic countries to collectively press the United Nations and India to allow Kashmiris to exercise their right to self-determination. The seminar concluded with a strong condemnation of the ongoing violence and oppression against Kashmiris, and a united demand for the cessation of brutality and injustice from the United Nations.



KCAET observes World Food Day

By Naorem Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: Khairpur College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (KCAET) hosted an event in partnership with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to mark World Food Day, focusing on the theme "Right to Food for a Better Future Leaves No One Behind." The initiative gathered experts, students, and stakeholders to discuss sustainable food systems in Sindh, Pakistan, emphasizing food security and inclusive agricultural practices. Professor Dr. Jam Ghulam Murtaza Sahito, KCAET's principal, highlighted the transformative impact of modern agricultural technologies on local farming. He noted that advancements in Agricultural Engineering, Food Science Technology, and Biotechnology can enhance food security in a historically challenged region like Sindh. Innovations such as precision farming and genetically modified crops have significantly reduced wheat losses to 4%. The event also underscored the need for sustainable agriculture in addressing climate change and its importance for long-term viability. Abrar Abbasi, UN FAO District Manager for Khairpur Mir, reinforced the message of collaboration and innovation in agriculture. The initiative aimed to foster resilience in the agricultural landscape of Sindh, contributing to the fight against hunger and poverty while ensuring inclusivity.



Syed Zain Shah Of SUP Addresses Lawyers And Media

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Syed Zain Shah, President of the Sindh United Party (SUP), addressed lawyers at the District Bar Association and spoke to the media about the recent dealings surrounding the Indus River. He accused Asif Zardari, He accused Asif Zardari, and ANP have united against the sale of the river. He asserted that the awareness and collective action of Sindhii nationalist parties and citizens against the exploitation of the Indus will gradually become more pronounced. The event was attended by General Secretary of the District Bar Association, Zahid Hussain Soomro, GM Soomro, Maqbool Lashari, and others.



He urged the PPP's MNAs, MPAs, and senators to convince their president to retract the deal regarding the river or resign from their positions, emphasizing that governing through the sale of the Indus is unacceptable. For the first time, he noted, federal parties such as PTI, Jamaat-e-Islami, and ANP have united against the sale of the river. He asserted that the awareness and collective action of Sindhii nationalist parties and citizens against the exploitation of the Indus will gradually become more pronounced. The event was attended by General Secretary of the District Bar Association, Zahid Hussain Soomro, GM Soomro, Maqbool Lashari, and others.

Gambat family demands justice, protection



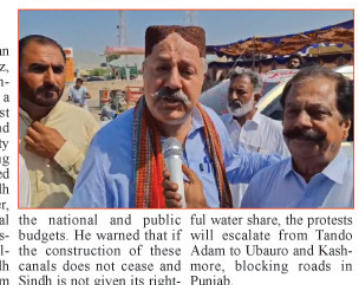
By Hafeez Mallah

GAMBAT: The residents from the village of Mahar Ali Talpur, including Habibullah Shaikh, his son Ashiq, daughter Farzana, and nephew Hamida, gathered at the Gambat Press Club to protest against the alleged oppression by Idris Thether and his sons from the village of Badak, Kandiaryi. They accused Idris Thether and his sons, including Akram, Rahib, Amin, and Aslam, of creating a living hell for them, threatening them along with criminal elements. Habibullah Shaikh stated that he is a laborer who struggles daily to provide for his children. He warned that if any harm comes to him or his family, Idris Thether and his sons will be responsible. The protesters appealed to the SSP of Khairpur, DIG Sukkur, and other authorities for justice and protection.

JSM Chairman Riaz Chandio leads protest against construction of new canals

By Mumtaz Ali

TANDO ADAM: Chairman of the Jeay Sindh Mahaz, Riaz Chandio, has announced the initiation of a protest movement against the federal government and the Pakistan People's Party for their actions regarding the Indus River. He accused them of depriving Sindhii residents of drinking water, constructing six illegal canals for Punjab, and causing economic and agricultural devastation in Sindh by spending millions from the national and public budgets. He warned that if the construction of these Adam to Ubaro and Kashmore, blocking roads in Sindh is not given its right- ful water share, the protests will escalate from Tando Adam to Ubaro and Kashmore, blocking roads in Punjab.



METRO KARACHI



Public Set To Gain From 26th Amendment: Agha Siraj

KARACHI: Former Sindh Assembly Speaker Agha Siraj Durrani announced that the public will be the primary beneficiary of the 26th amendment. Speaking to the media outside the accountability court on Saturday, he congratulated the people on its approval, praising Bilawal Bhutto for continuing the legacy of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. Durrani likened the PPP chairman's efforts for the amendment to the political struggles of Benazir and Zulfikar Ali



Bhutto, stating that the amendment will expedite the hearing of long-pending cases.—RT

Murad Approves 500 Electric Buses For Karachi, 300 For Other Sindh Divisions

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has approved a project to introduce 500 electric buses in Karachi and 300 diesel-hybrid buses across five divisions of Sindh, with 60 buses allocated to each division.

During a meeting at CM House with provincial ministers and officials, Shah emphasized the need for modernizing Karachi's public transport system, which is struggling to cope with the city's growing population and outdated vehicles. Transport Minister Sharjeel Memon high-



lighted the initiative to enhance urban mobility, improve the commuter experience, and reduce air pollution.

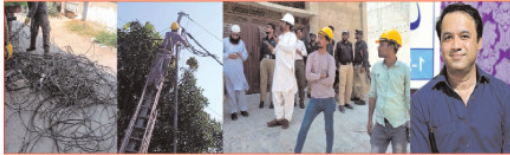
In addition to the electric buses, the meeting discussed procuring 300 electric and diesel-hybrid buses for intercity transportation to connect divisional headquarters. Shah stressed the importance of providing cost-effective and safe transport options to the public.

The Chief Minister also addressed the Yellow Line BRT project, which aims to establish a 21-kilometer corridor from Dawood Chowrangi to Numaish, and directed that feasibility studies for this and other initiatives be completed by the end of November.

Further, Shah reviewed the West Karachi Recycled Water Project, which will treat wastewater for industrial use, and the TP-4 wastewater treatment project, both of which are in various stages of planning and funding.

Additionally, he discussed the potential of coal gasification technology to address energy needs and directed the Energy Department to develop a project proposal. The meeting concluded with plans to explore advanced agricultural technologies to improve farming in arid regions of Sindh.—RT

KE intensifies drive against illegal power connections



By Asif Qureshi
KARACHI: K-Electric Bin Qasim has intensified its campaign to cut illegal connections in various areas, warning the public that anyone who installs such connections will face strict legal action, including the filing of FIRs. GM K-Electric Khalid Mustafa Tunio stated that significant actions have been

taken in Gulshan-e-Hadeed Extension, where illegal connections at hotels, wedding halls, and homes have been cut, and wires confiscated. He noted that K-Electric has freed Gulshan-e-Hadeed Extension from load shedding, but some elements are obstructing the provision of services to the public. Khalid

Mustafa Tunio further explained that the campaign began in Gulshan-e-Hadeed Extension, and wherever reports of illegal connections are received, action will be taken. He urged the public to install their meters as soon as possible to rid themselves of illegal connections and live peacefully in their homes.

SPLA stresses need for STR implementation, promotions in college education

By Asif Qureshi
KARACHI: In Karachi, members of the Sindh Professors and Lecturers Association (SPLA) have raised serious concerns regarding the lack of attention to the issues faced by college educators. They highlighted that the Student-Teacher Ratio (STR) needs to be improved to enhance educational quality and to implement the Sindh government's policy of education for all. According to

the association's senior leaders, including Professor Kareem Ahmed Narejo and Professor Aziz Memon, there has been no progress on the promotions for Assistant Professors for over two years, leading many educators to retire after only one promotion. Despite the working papers for promotions being prepared six months ago, delays caused by certain officials in the College Education Department have prevented these cases from being sent to the

Provincial Selection Board. The SPLA leaders expressed their disappointment over the prolonged stagnation in the careers of lecturers, particularly female lecturers and Physical Education Directors, who have been waiting for promotions since their appointments in 2012. They stressed the need for immediate action to prevent further frustration among educators, which negatively impacts their teaching performance.

TEXPO 2024: Seminar Highlights Sustainability In SMEs



KARACHI: On the third day of TEXPO 2024, a notable seminar titled "Smart Moves: Transforming SMEs into Green Powerhouses" emphasized sustainability in the textile sector. The event featured presentations from international and local experts on transforming small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) into environmentally responsible entities, addressing rising global compliance demands.

Ms. Yulia Bazhenova, Head of Project Textiles II at GIZ, discussed key initiatives to promote sustainability in Pakistan's textile and garment industry. Mr. Cem Altan, President of the International Apparel Federation, shared insights on "Greening the Apparel Industry," focusing on global trends and strategies to minimize the environmental impact of textile manufacturing.

A panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Omar Hameed, Pakistan's Economic Minister in Brussels, included industry leaders like Mr. Amir Chottani, CEO of Chottani Industries, and Dr. Tayyab Naveed, Head of Innovation at UMT. They explored the integration of green practices in the textile sector, stressing the need for collaboration between industry and academia. The seminar drew over 150 participants from trade bodies, the textile community, and academia, highlighting the importance of sustainable transformation. The event concluded with Ms. Rafia Syed, Director General of Punjab TDAP, presenting shields to distinguished contributors. TEXPO 2024 remains a key platform for promoting sustainability in Pakistan's textile industry, fostering discussions that encourage greener and more resilient SMEs.—RT

SHC Orders MDCAT Re-Test Within Four Weeks Amid Irregularities Scandal

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court, led by Justice Salahuddin Panhwar, has ordered a re-conduct of the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) within four weeks due to concerns over exam irregularities. During the hearing, the court criticized the effectiveness of an investigative committee and highlighted flaws in the examination system, which reportedly in-



involved around 40 individuals. Justice Panhwar stressed the need to protect students from uncertainty, stating, "No games should be played with their fu-

Hisaar Foundation Closes Year With Notable Achievements



KARACHI: Hisaar Foundation concluded its year on a high note during its recent Annual General Meeting, attended by board members, council members, and staff.

The governors' report showcased the Foundation's significant accomplishments, including surpassing project and fundraising targets. Key highlights included the deployment of innovative hand-operated ultrafiltration systems in remote areas, the successful 6th Karachi International Water Conference, and the upcoming launch of the National Water Panel on a global scale in November 2024. The Adopt a School program gained momentum, and the Community Ponds initiative was adopted by the Ministry of Climate Change

through the Living Indus initiative.

A standout achievement was the completion of the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute's grey structure, despite inflationary pressures, with Masters courses already underway. For two decades, Hisaar Foundation has established itself as a global leader in the water sector, earning respect for its contributions to combating climate change.

Looking ahead, Hisaar Foundation is committed to sustainable water management and ensuring access to clean water for all, continuing its essential work to address Pakistan's pressing water challenges through innovative and community-driven solutions.—RT

Sindh CM: No Deal Behind Release Of Bushra Bibi And Imran Khan's Sisters



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah stated on Saturday that he does not view the release of former first lady Bushra Bibi and Imran Khan's sisters, Aleema and Uzma Khan, as part of any deal. In a media briefing, he emphasized that politicians should not interfere in judicial matters and acknowledge the right to peace-

ful protest, provided it follows proper procedure. Regarding the recent clash between Sindh police and Rawadary March organizers, he confirmed receipt of an inquiry report and insisted that anyone who broke the law must be held accountable, noting that police are in a difficult position that necessitates action.—RT

Czech Ambassador Engages With State Minister Fahd Haroon On Digital Media Collaboration



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Ladislav Steinhübel, Ambassador of the Czech Republic, accompanied by Deputy Head of Mission Michaela Chrtová, met with Fahd Haroon, Minister of State and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Media, to explore mutual interests in digital media and public communication. The discussions focused on potential collaborations in

digital innovation, cybersecurity, and technology-driven communication. Mr. Haroon highlighted Pakistan's initiatives in digital media, and both parties expressed a commitment to strengthening bilateral digital ties. They reaffirmed their dedication to fostering collaboration for sustainable growth in the digital sector.—RT

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Visitation Ban Lifted At Adiala Jail For Prisoners

RAWALPINDI: The ban on prisoner visits at Adiala jail has been lifted, allowing all meetings to resume on a regular schedule, sources within the facility confirmed to media on Saturday.

The restriction, initially imposed on October 4, was implemented due to heightened security concerns following a potential terrorist threat and subsequent drills at the facility.

Adiala jail authorities, where Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan is currently detained, had extended the restriction on all visits until October 25.



This is the same facility where Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, was held until her release on bail two days ago, per Islamabad High Court (IHC) orders. With the ban now lifted, sources state that all prisoners, including high-profile individuals, may again receive visitors. The visitation ban had stirred discontent within the IHC.—RT/Agency

Maryam Aurangzeb: Eliminating Smog In Lahore Will Take 8 to 10 Years

LAHORE: Punjab's Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb has addressed the issue of air pollution in Lahore, urging citizens to take action against smog. She emphasized that despite significant measures, it would take eight to ten years to eliminate smog from the city. In a press conference regarding the Anti-Smog Action Plan, Aurangzeb highlighted that certain hotspots in Lahore are plagued by methane clouds and heat islands.



She mentioned that out of 45,000 motorcycles in the city, 1,800 are emitting smoke, along with one hundred thousand vehicles, 1,200 kilns, and 60,800 industrial units all while the city supports a population of 15 million.

Aurangzeb pointed out that Lahore has 275 days of unhealthy Air Quality Index (AQI) levels throughout the year, with temperatures rising by 3.2 degrees Celsius. She called on Lahore's residents to declare war against smog, acknowledging that individual and collective efforts would still require 8 to 10 years to see results.

She clarified that only 30% of the smog in Lahore originates from India, while the remaining 70% is produced locally. The senior minister also noted that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has been implementing a multi-sector mitigation action plan for the past six months, with regulations and awareness campaigns underway.

She revealed that 700 kilns have been demolished in the province, with 212 in Lahore alone, emphasizing a zero-tolerance policy towards emissions. The Environmental Protection Department has conducted 15,000 visits to industrial units, sealing 64 mills and demolishing 152 factories.

To combat pollution, the government is promoting efficient waste disposal practices among farmers and has filed over 400 FIRs against those burning crop residue. Targeted anti-smog squads are operating in affected areas, monitoring vehicle emissions, and ensuring

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All would live long, but none would be old.

—Benjamin Franklin

CJP Afridi Reshapes Judges Committee On His First Day To Restore Justice Akhtar

ISLAMABAD: Newly-appointed Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi on Saturday reconstituted the SC Practice and Procedure Committee, bringing back Justice Munib Akhtar to the three-member key panel established for the purpose of fixing cases and forming benches.

The development comes hours after Justice Afridi was sworn in as Pakistan's 30th chief justice earlier today, succeeding Justice Qazi Fazal Isa as the top judge.

According to a notification, the chief justice will head the special bench formed by the judges committee under the SC (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023. He also included senior puisne judge Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Akhtar to the judges' committee.

On September 20, President Asif Ali Zardari approved the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Amendment Ordinance 2024, allowing the CJP to pick any



Justice of the apex court to be the third member of the body.

Soon after the president's approval, then-CJP Isa exercised his powers under amended law and appointed Justice Amin-Ud-Din Khan to the judges' committee, replacing Justice Akhtar.

The ordinance, promulgated in September this year, empowers the chief justice to nominate a judge of his choice in the committee that constitutes the benches. As per the ordinance, the body will comprise the chief justice, the senior puisne and any judge nominated by the

the Committee."

"Such unfortunate cherry picking and undemocratic display of one-man show are precisely what the Act tried to discourage and replace-a stance that was upheld by the Full Court Bench of this Court in Raja Amer," he wrote.

Justice Shah had also refused to become a member of special bench, stating he was unable to participate in the bench over his concerns regarding amendments to the practice law via ordinance.

In his October 23 letter, the senior judge also made his participation in the special bench conditional, saying that "until the full court bench determined the constitutional validity of the promulgation of the ordinance as well as of the amendments made thereby or the judges of the SC resolve to act upon those amendments in a full court meeting pending adjudication upon the constitutionality thereof, or the earlier committee comprising

the HCJP and two senior most judges is restored, I will not participate in special benches formed by the new committee and will only attend sittings of the regular benches to hear the cases of ordinary litigants in the larger public interest."

Responding to Justice Shah's letter, then-CJP Isa had said legally he could not be asked about why he nominated a judge as the committee's third member. Still, the then chief justice had provided the reasons for his action, saying he did it because he "always advocated accountability and transparency".

Moreover, the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) was also reconstituted with CJP Afridi becoming the chairman. Earlier, the newly-appointed top judge was not part of the SJC.

The council also includes Justice Mansoor, Justice Akhtar and chief justices of the high courts.—RT/Agency

20 British MPs Urge Action For Imran's Release, Pressing UK Government

LONDON: As many as 20 British parliamentarians from cross-party have urged UK's Foreign Secretary David Lammy MP to call for Imran Khan's release from Adiala Jail and engage with the Pakistani government.

The letter has been written by Kim Johnson, MP for Liverpool Riverside, on Imran Khan's adviser on International Affairs Zulfi Bukhari's request and signed by members of both the Commons and the Lords.



The letter to Mr Khan's outgoing detention represents a grave threat to democracy in the country. Indeed, there has been speculation that his fate will likely be decided by a military court, which would represent a worrying and completely illegal escalation.

Following a recent review of Mr Khan's case, Amnesty International has found that there has been a pattern of weaponisation of the legal system to keep Imran Khan under detention and away from all political activity."

They have also observed that in at least three trials Khan has not been allowed adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his defence. It has become apparent that the number of cases against the jailed PTI founder are now "consistent with a pattern of misuse of the justice system in Pakistan to intimidate, harass and target political opposition leaders - while inflaming upon political office. Thus, from the enshrined independence of the judiciary."

It further said the recently passed 26th Constitutional Amendment would take powers, such as banning po-

IMF Predicts Pakistan's Inflation To Plummet To 10.6% by 2025

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects that Pakistan's inflation rate, which dropped from 29% to 12.6% this year, will further decline to 10.6% by 2025, according to IMF's Director for the Middle East and Central Asia, Jihad Azour.

In a recent statement on Pakistan's economic outlook, Azour remarked that Pakistan's economy is expected to grow at a rate of 3.2% in the 2024-25 fiscal year, an improvement that signals economic recovery.

Azour emphasised that Pakistan's reform package aims to achieve several key objectives, including fiscal stability, increased revenue, and reduced deficits. He highlighted that improvements in tax collection and addressing systemic issues could boost Pakistan's revenue.

He also noted that reforms within state-owned enterprises remain a priority, which could open more opportunities for the private sector, attract foreign investment, and strengthen Pakistan's export potential.

The IMF official further explained that creating a favourable environment for additional investment in Pakistan is essential. Current fiscal policies, he said, are helping reduce inflationary



pressures and facilitate capital flows, easing the burden on Pakistan's current account.

Azour expressed optimism that these measures would stabilise the economy, mitigate financial risks, and enhance the energy sector.

Moreover, Pakistan is targeting around \$1 billion in a formal request for funding from the IMF facility that helps low and middle-income countries mitigate climate risk, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb told Reuters.

"We have formally requested to be considered for this facility," the minister said in an interview on the sidelines of the IMF/World Bank autumn meetings in Washington.

The International Monetary Fund had already agreed to a \$7 billion bailout for

Dollar Dar And New Zealand Agree To Strengthen Economic Ties

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and his New Zealand counterpart Winston Peters on Saturday agreed to jointly explore avenues of deepening ties between the two countries, in all areas of mutual benefit.

Both the deputy prime ministers/foreign ministers met on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

They underscored the great potential in further deepening ties between the two countries.

Deputy Prime Minister Dar and Foreign Minister Peters also emphasized the need of enhancing bilateral trade relations and to broaden cooperation in trade and investment, education and people-to-people contacts. Thanking New Zealand for its endorsement of Pakistan's various bids and initiatives at the UN, deputy PM/ FM Dar shared that both the countries were tied together by shared legacy and common ethos and have common stakes in reinforcing effective multilateralism, democracy and respect for human dignity.—RT/Agency



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Islamabad Seeks Expanded Currency Swap Agreement With China

WASHINGTON DC: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb requested the Chinese government to raise the limits under the Currency Swap Agreement to CNY 40 billion, media reported.

In a meeting with China's Vice Minister of Finance Liao Min in Washington DC, Muhammad Aurangzeb also reaffirmed to boost all-weather strategic cooperative partnership between Pakistan and China, a press statement issued here read.

The finance minister also thanked the Government of China for its unwavering support to Pakistan's socio-economic development and assistance in securing the IMF's Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

Muhammad Aurangzeb said that Pakistan is eager to learn from China's experience in economic reforms. He also welcomed Chinese automobile company BYD's decision to introduce electric vehicles in Pakistan.

The finance minister apprised the Chinese side that Pakistan aims to launch an inaugural Panda bond in the Chinese market to diversify its financing base.

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The finance minister also thanked the Government of China for its unwavering support to Pakistan's socio-economic development and assistance in securing the IMF's Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

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